

FARD SCAM IN AKHNOOR: APPLICANT NAMES ACCUSED, ALLEGES DELIBERATE PLOT BY 'LAND MAFIA'



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The alleged forged fard case in Tehsil Akhnoor has

taken a sharper turn, with complainant Neelkanth Sharma directly naming individuals he claims were involved. The case revolves

around *Khasra Number 23, Ward No. 6 in the jurisdiction of the tehsil Akhnoor & Municipal Committee Akhnoor, where a fard was allegedly issued in the name of dead deceased person Bhola Nath, son of Bhai Nath, years after his death. In a written application submitted to SDM Akhnoor Mukhtar Ahmed, Neelkanth named Ayush, Ajay, Vikrant, and Bhola Nath as accused in the case. In a social media interview, he questioned: "Who was regularly applying for the fard?" "Who was eager to purchase the land?"

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Patwari Beaten in Kangrail: Applicant for EWS Certificate Arrested; Past Controversies Surface



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A patwari posted in Kangrail, Tehsil Bhalwal,

was allegedly beaten up with multiple snaps on his face & head by a local resident on Wednesday,

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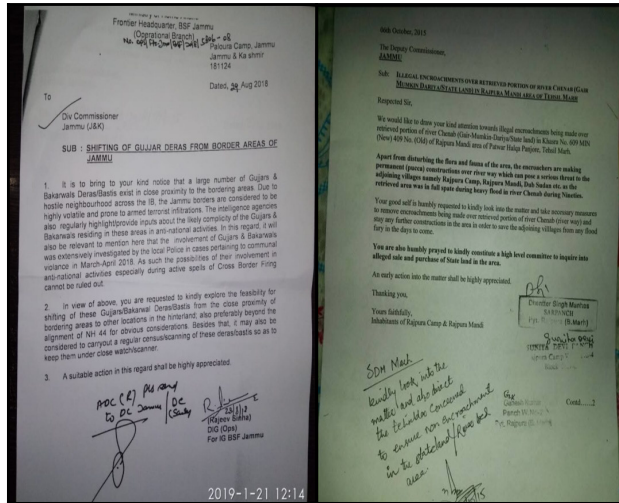
Rajpura Syndicate Exposed: Organised Criminal Network Protected by Power and Fear — Threatens Governance and National Security in Jammu Region



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In a disturbing exposé, System Observer brings to light a chilling chronology of coordinated attacks, organised crimes, and institutional apathy allegedly revolving around the Rajpura

gang — a powerful criminal syndicate deeply entrenched in the region of Rajpura near the International Border (IB). With support from insiders in law enforcement and influential legal experts, this gang has turned into a parallel power structure, creating a security crisis in



the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Timeline of an Organised Criminal Operation reported: However number of episodes not on record may have taken place.
2017: Origins of an Empire of Fear
Daily Excelsior (Oct 24, 2017) reported a violent clash in Rajpura where over three dozen policemen including SHO Naresh Sharma were injured during a raid involving state land encroachment near the IB,

flagged as a national security threat.
2018: BSF Raises Alarm
DIG BSF (29 Aug 2018) wrote to the Divisional Commissioner for evacuation of tribal settlements near the border citing security concerns. That very land, now allegedly encroached and criminalised, links back to Rajpura settlers.
2019: Assault on

SDM Drive
According to Amar Ujala (Dec 10, 2019), an anti-encroachment drive led by an SDM saw 6 officers injured in a violent resistance by Rajpura goons.
The syndicate showed its muscle power and impunity, making it a clear challenge to civil administration.
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Fard Scam.....

"Whose documents and Aadhaar number were attached to the illegally issued fard?"

According to him, the fard was issued multiple times through illegal means since 2022, despite the original owner's death. He also levelled serious allegations against Patwari Mukesh Sharma, pointing out that the same patwari had earlier updated the birasati intkal (mutation) in favour of the legal heir for the exact same land and khasra number.

"How can the patwari claim it was a mistake? This was no mistake-it was a deliberate attempt to grab the land by land mafias who disguise themselves as respectable members of society. They need to be exposed," Neelkanth told System Observer.

He further alleged that Tehsildar Akhnoor and other revenue officials issued the fard "in total violation of rules and regulations" for monetary gain, accusing the department of lodging an incomplete FIR to shield the guilty. He demanded that Financial Commissioner Revenue (FCR) Shaleen Kabra form a Special Investigation Team (SIT) and take departmental action against all officials involved.

When contacted, SDM Akhnoor said his office had already forwarded the matter to PS Akhnoor for FIR registration. "It is now up to the police to investigate and establish the chain of those involved in the fard scam," he stated.

The police probe is ongoing.

Disclaimer: The allegations mentioned in this report are based on the statements of the complainant. System Observer does not independently verify these claims.

Patwari Beaten.....

triggering a chain of revelations about ongoing disputes, past administrative actions, and corruption allegations.

The Incident

The attack took place around 11:30 AM on August 7, when Susheel Kumar, Patwari Kangrail, was returning to his office after field duty. CCTV footage of the incident, now viral on social media, shows the accused continuously slapping the official.

In his written complaint, Kumar stated that Abhishek Suryavanshi, son of Jabar Singh and resident of Kangrail (near Dharan, Tehsil Bhalwal, PS Kanachak), blocked his way, physically attacked him, and issued threats.

Police acted promptly, registering FIR No. 111/2025 under Sections 132, 126(2), and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at PS Kanachak. Suryavanshi was taken into custody and the investigation was started.

Meanwhile, SHO Kanachack, during an interaction with System Observer, confirmed that the accused involved in the attack was granted bail on August 8, 2025.

Background of the Dispute

Sources told System Observer that Suryavanshi had applied for an Economically Weaker Section (EWS) certificate, previously issued to him in 2024 by Tehsil Bhalwal. The certificate is crucial for availing benefits in government job recruitment. However, his latest application allegedly ran into verification issues, as no relevant revenue record was found in Tehsil Bhalwal's jurisdiction. And EWS was reverted by the revenue officials due to lack of documents which supposed to be attached during applying for the document EWS in year 2025.

According to Tehsildar Bhalwal Monika Sharma, in an exclusive conversation with System Observer:

"The applicant's records did not exist in Tehsil Bhalwal. He appeared to have shifted from Khour to Kangrail. We asked him to produce caste-related revenue records from Tehsil Khour and even guided him through the process. Since the documents were incomplete, his application was reverted digitally. No one can attack a government official on duty, whether in the office or the field."

Sharma stressed that the department is committed to processing urgent applications, but applicants must furnish valid documentation.

Patwari's Controversial Past

The case also revives questions about the patwari's own professional record. Official sources confirm that FC Revenue Shaleen Kabra had earlier ordered Kumar's transfer, which he challenged in court and obtained a stay.

In a separate development, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has filed an FIR against him in connection with an alleged fake 3A mutation. ACB raids in the case "cannot be denied," sources say, though Kumar is also reported to have obtained a stay order against ACB's action too.

System Observer's Questions

While condemning any physical attack on government officials, System Observer raises important questions:

If the applicant had no valid revenue records in Tehsil Bhalwal, how was the EWS certificate issued to him in 2024?

Who authorized it, and under what procedure? Were standard norms followed, or was this another example of procedural manipulation?

This incident also reignites public wide debates in Jammu and Kashmir about the role of patwaris in alleged irregularities—ranging from issuing fards in the names of deceased persons to conducting illegal mutations for influential individuals.

Number of cases brought into light by ACB in UT Jammu Kashmir regarding the frauds and corruption by the patwaris in different districts.

Current Status

The accused, Abhishek Suryavanshi, is now out on bail as of August 8, 2025. The EWS dispute remains unresolved, the public is left with a deeper mistrust of both the revenue process and its enforcers.

Rajpura.....

Emergence of Ali — The Gang Kingpin

FIR No. 147/2024, Bari Brahmana PS: Ali, believed to be the kingpin of the Rajpura gang, was named in a wire theft case.

Since then, his interstate criminal empire has allegedly expanded across Jammu, Punjab, and border towns.

Chain of Attacks (2025) — Escalation Into Open Warfare

-April 9, 2025 — SHO Assaulted

SHO Pushvinder Singh was reportedly assaulted by a Baru along with Hyder, bacchu don, sunny & the members of the said peddler group was having some connections with Rajpura gang too as per sources.

June 30 – July 1, 2025 — Attack on Forest Officials

Forest Department officials, including the DFO, submitted a formal complaint to SSP Jammu after a midnight assault near Doomi Thati.

Attackers carried sharp-edged weapons, and were linked to Rajpura's network.

Aug 2, 2025 — Sua number EK Naka (Live on Social Media)

A brazen naka breach and attack on police near Sua number EK was livestreamed, exposing the lawlessness and fearlessness of the perpetrators.

July 7, 2025 — Old Bridge Naka Attack

Verified by top police officials, a Tata Mobile vehicle breached a checkpoint and fled towards Rajpura, reinforcing concerns about a safe haven for criminals.

Targeting the Press — Assaults on Journalists

August 4, 2025 — Journalist Atul Sudan along with another journalist residing in thati village of PS Kanachack were attacked by the group of people.

The journalist alleges that the attackers belonged to the Rajpura gang, long known for violent criminal acts and political protection.

Following the incident, a case was formally registered as FIR No. 109/2025 at Police Station Kanachack.

05 individuals have been arrested so far, and further inquiry is in progress.

However, as per the complaint filed by Atul Sudan, nearly 30-35 individuals were involved in the attack.

Yet, a majority of them remain untraced and unarrested — raising serious concerns over police inaction or fear.

This incident has triggered widespread protests by:

Student groups : Protest at GGM Science College Jammu against the cowardly attack on Journalists. Protest was led by Ritik Verma and Balram Singh.

Representatives of Various social organisations protested in Akhnoor to condemn attack on Journalists. Sushil Sharma Chairman JK Disable Welfare Trust, Raghuvir Singh, Baba Bharti, Jugal Gupta, Karun Gupta, Chiku Mahajan remained present.

Civil society organisations: Protest in Saith Village demanding PSA on the culprits of Attack on Journalist Atul Sudan and Ashwani Bhardwaj. Anil Sharma, Dheeraj Khajuria, Gourav Sharma, Kartik, Vishav Chib, Parshotam Sharma, Amit Khajuria, Mohit Sharma, Sahil Kumar, Vinay, Vishal Kumar, Gulshan Manhas, Deepak Manhas, Sumit Magyal, Pawan Kumar, Summy, Ankush Sharma, Rohit Manhas, Neeraj Sharma, Vishal Rajput, Akhil Rajput, Keshav, Deepak, Vishal, Nikhil, Raghunath, Sahil Chib, Sunil, among others remained present in protest.

Protest in Khour Bazar led by Youth. Expressing resentment against inaction of Kanachack Police. Anil Kumar, Mangesh, Sumit Sharma were mainly present.

Journalistic bodies & Local leaders

They are openly challenging the police for failing to raid Rajpura and act decisively against what they call a "criminal fortress" operating under political and administrative shelter.

Ashwani Bhardwaj Case — Ignored Warnings

Ashwani Bhardwaj, a journalist from Doomi, had raised alarm weeks earlier about threats from the same gang, submitted a written application, in which he have mentioned the vehicle number especially following him and tried to crush him intentionally and belongs to the Rajpura gang.

No FIR was registered. No arrests were made.

"The police have failed to act even after handing over the vehicle number of the accused," Bhardwaj said during a press conference.

Illegal Wealth, Vehicles & Narcotics: The Machinery Behind the Crime

As per sources Lakhanpur Interception on 23 Feb 2025 (01:15 AM):

A white Hyundai i20 (no registration) was stopped, which was driven by two persons including Shajjad and Ali of Rajpura

Meanwhile Shajjad was arrested and Ali fled away

Vehicle contained approx ₹50 lakh cash — now with Income Tax Department.

The car remains unclaimed at Lakhanpur.

Vehicle Details:

Chassis No: MALBB51BR9M023702*A

Engine No: KEL08L1821098242

How are such vehicles acquired? For what are they used? Who funds these luxury SUVs with no documentation?

SP Rural Jammu Brijesh Sharma during a conversation with System Observer confirmed that in connection with the attack on journalists Atul Sudan and associates registered under FIR No. 109/2025, two vehicles used in the incident have been seized and five individuals have been arrested so far.

The investigation is ongoing, and efforts are underway to identify and apprehend the remaining accused involved in the group attack near Thati village on August 4, 2025.

Meanwhile during a conversation with System Observer, SHO Kanachack revealed the identity of the arrested in the journalist attack case as same from Rajpura and few outsiders in the initial stage of investigation.

Viral Video :Ring

Road Display of Power

A recent viral video from Ring Road, Marh showed Ali gang members brandishing weapons.

Though police arrested a few, the main culprits seen in the video remain free.

The arrests were later described as being from a routine naka — sparking outrage and allegations of police cover-up.

Widespread Public Outrage

Protests erupted across:

Jammu including Akhnoor, Thati , Pargwal, khour , and various other places.

The question now reverberating:

Why are police hesitating to raid Rajpura? What are they protecting?

Multiple organisations have openly challenged the authorities:

"Why is Rajpura a no-go zone for police?"

"Why are repeat offenders not behind bars despite evidence?"

Some social organisations have even demanded the issuance of the Revolvers and arms licence for the journalists and volunteers to safeguard their lives when administration fails to provide the safety & security of the citizens.

The Larger Threat: Security & Governance Breakdown

Rajpura gang's sustained attacks on journalists, police officers, forest officials, and civil administration show the emergence of an unchallenged power structure — shielded by fear, political patronage, and institutional compromise.

This is no longer a law-and-order issue; it is an existential threat to the governance and national security of Jammu & Kashmir.

Call for Action

The DGP of Jammu & Kashmir and IGP Jammu Zone must:

Order a high-level probe.

Initiate comprehensive crackdown.

Ensure no political or legal shielding.

Protect whistleblowers, journalists, and officials.

If not now, the Rajpura syndicate may become a blueprint for organised lawlessness across sensitive border areas of J&K.

System Observer will continue to investigate, expose, and document this developing story.

Disclaimer: This report is based on publicly available records, verified reports from System Observer field correspondents, social media evidence, and statements from law enforcement sources. Allegations mentioned are under investigation and not legally adjudicated.

Op Sindoor.....

ecosystem and talented youth to the success of Operation Sindoor.

The operation, which involved striking terrorist camps deep inside enemy territory and swiftly overpowering Pakistan's forces, has been hailed as a demonstration of India's growing military prowess powered by indigenous technology and innovation.

Addressing a gathering at the inauguration of the Bengaluru Metro Yellow Line and the foundation laying of Phase 3, PM Modi praised the contributions of Karnataka's youth to Defence manufacturing and technology, underlining how Bengaluru is emerging as a crucial hub not only for IT but also for high-end Defence production. He called upon Karnataka's talent pool to lead the vision of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India) in the tech sector.

"The success of Operation Sindoor is a testament to the strength of our technology and Defence capabilities built on the foundation of Make in India," said the Prime Minister. "Bengaluru's youth and Karnataka's industrial ecosystem have played a major role in this achievement."

Prime Minister flags off Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Train



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NEW DELHI/KATRA**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today flagged off Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Train.

The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for dedicating the Vande Bharat Train between Amritsar to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Station.

"The new Vande Bharat Train will ensure ease of travel for devotees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and spur the growth momentum of the local economy," the Lieutenant Governor said.

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observed that the transport infrastructure of J&K, particularly in railways, has witnessed unprecedented growth under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister.

He said the first freight train that reached Anantnag from Punjab on August 09 has marked a significant milestone in transport infrastructure and trade of Kashmir valley.

The Lieutenant Governor posted on X:

"Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji for flagging off Vande Bharat Train between Amritsar to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Station. J&K's transport infrastructure, particularly in railways, has witnessed unprecedented growth under the leadership of Hon'ble PM.

New Vande Bharat Train will ensure ease of travel for devotees of Mata Vaishno Devi and spur the growth momentum of the local economy. Yesterday, first freight train had reached Anantnag from Punjab, marking a significant milestone in Kashmir Valley's transport infra and trade".

The 26406 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Amritsar Vande Bharat Express Train will depart from Katra at 06:40 a.m. to reach Amritsar at 12:20 p.m. the same day. In return direction, the 26405 Amritsar-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express Train will depart from Amritsar at 4:25 p.m. to reach Katra at 10 pm. The Train will run six -days a week except Tuesday.

Police crackdown on drugs spurs shift to medical opioids as ISI fuels menace

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SRINAGAR**

As security forces continue their fight against terrorism, the Srinagar police has launched a crackdown against drug abuse and trafficking that has led to the arrest of 97 people and the filing of 73 cases in the last three months.

Officials cite intelligence reports indicating that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), having failed in recruiting local youth for terrorism, is now actively promoting drug abuse to destabilise Kashmir's younger generation.

With intensified police crackdowns making heroin more difficult to obtain, addicted youth in Srinagar are increasingly turning to medical opioids as a substitute.

Dr. Mohammad Muzaffar Khan, who heads a local drug de-addiction centre, confirms this shift, saying the demand for narcotic analgesics has surged.

"Heroin has become difficult to procure because of strict police enforcement," Khan said, adding, "When cravings become too strong, they switch to medicinal tablets." He said these tablets are often procured through illegal channels, bypassing medical shops, and are sometimes ordered from outside Jammu and Kashmir via couriers from cities like Delhi or Amritsar.

While a strip costs Rs 150, black market prices can soar to Rs 800 for a single dose.

Khan also pointed out a shift from locally grown cannabis and charas to heroin addiction over the last seven to eight years.

Srinagar police initiated the aggressive campaign amid a steep surge in the consumption of psychotropic drugs, particularly heroin, among the youth.

Between April and July, it arrested 97 people, registered 73 cases, and seized brown sugar (3.57 kg), heroin (1.73 kg), charas (203.43 kg), fuki (11.95 kg), besides psychotropic tablets, capsules, cannabis and bung.

Police are targeting the financial networks behind drug trafficking and have frozen 29 bank accounts, besides attaching assets, including six vehicles and nine residential houses, linked to smugglers.

Police have also detained 21 people under the PIT-NDPS Act and destroyed three drug hotspots.

Union Minister, J&K LG, Dy CM Thank PM Modi For Another Vande Bharat Train

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JAMMU**

Union minister Jitendra Singh, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday for sanctioning a Vande Bharat train to link the holy towns of Katra and Amritsar, and said the transport infrastructure, particularly in the railways, has witnessed unprecedented growth in the Union Territory over the last 11 years.

In Bengaluru, the prime minister on Sunday flagged off three Vande Bharat Express trains — from Bengaluru to Belagavi, from Punjab's Amritsar to Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra in Jammu and Kashmir and from Nagpur (Ajni) to Pune.

"This (Katra-Amritsar) is the fourth Vande Bharat Express train gifted to Jammu and Kashmir by Prime Minister Modi, who has given top priority to this region ever since taking the reins of the government in 2014.... I do not know if there is any other railway station in the country where four Vande Bharat trains



stop," Singh told reporters on board the newly-launched train.

He congratulated the people of Jammu for the new train and said when Modi took over as the prime minister in 2014, the railway project to connect Kashmir with the rest of the country was almost abandoned.

"Modi's election campaign in 2014 started by paying obeisance at the Vaishno Devi shrine. After getting elected, he dedicated the Katra railway station to the nation and when Vande Bharat trains were introduced in the country, the second train was sanctioned for the Katra-Delhi section.

In the second phase of the Vande Bharat rollout, another train was gifted to Jammu and Kashmir," the Union minister said.

He said the prime minister visited Katra in June to flag off two Vande Bharat trains from Katra to Srinagar, marking the completion of the decades-old national railway project to connect Kashmir with Kanyakumari. The trains will later run between Srinagar and Jammu.

"The Vaishno Devi shrine is witness to all this in the last 11 years. The first train reached Jammu and Kashmir in 1972 and it took more than 50 years to con-

nect Kashmir by train.

The LG thanked the prime minister for the Vande Bharat train between Amritsar and Katra.

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Referring to the first freight train reaching the Anantnag station in south Kashmir from Punjab on Saturday, Sinha said it marks a significant milestone in the Kashmir valley's transport infrastructure and trade.

Addressing the gathering before the flag-off ceremony at the Katra railway station, Deputy Chief Minister Choudhary lauded Modi for making the dream of railway connectivity between Kashmir and the rest of the country a reality.

"We are lucky to witness

the dreams that our elders saw getting fulfilled under the leadership of Modi. Our prime minister and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah flagged off the first train from Katra to Kashmir (on June 6) — a historic moment as many were of the opinion that the train could never reach Kashmir, which was infamous for terror activities. But the region has witnessed fast development," he said.

He welcomed the launch of the new Vande Bharat train service between Katra and Amritsar and said it is a proud moment for people as the train is going to connect two revered shrines — the Vaishno Devi temple and the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

"I am thankful to the prime minister and the railway minister (Ashwini Vaishnaw) for laying a railway network, which will help in employment generation and boost tourism," Choudhary said, requesting for extending the network to cover Rajouri and Poonch districts.

He also praised Singh for his efforts in getting various public-centric projects sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir while sitting in the Prime Minister's Office.

Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj Explains the Illusory Nature of the World on Raksha Bandhan



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JAMMU**

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Sadguru of Sahib Bandgi Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while delighting the congregation with the nectar of his discourses in Ranjdi Jammu today, said

that every human being has his own world. In reality, the world does not exist. Guru Vashishtha said the same thing to Ram Ji. When Ram Ji said that this world is a house of sorrows, Vashishtha Ji said, O Ram, which world are you talking about, the world never existed. This is just an illusion of

your mind. You are thinking that the sun, the moon, so that is there.

You see that a child is born. The sanskars of the parents enter his mind. Speech, getting up and sitting etc. all get fed into his mind.

Then he said, O Ram, all this is visible due to the

development of the mind, in reality it has no form. All this is an illusion. How unique it is. Just like in the desert, the earth and the sky appear to meet at a faraway place, this is an illusion. In reality it is not so. The deer keeps running with the desire of water. But there is no water there. It gets tired of running and dies. In this way, the pleasures of the world are also like a mirage. There is nothing in it. Your soul itself is a pool of bliss.

So it is said that O Ram, one who is knowledgeable, knows this truth. This world has not originated from the beginning. The whole world is from the sky. Just as blue-ness is seen in the sky, similarly this world appears. That is why a knowledgeable person does not get attached to the world. Whenever a child goes to school, the teacher teaches him vowels, consonants and mathematics. In this way, if you separate the soul, mind and nature, then spirituality will not remain. Mind is important in this. Because the reason and factor of bondage is the mind.

Like the sky appears blue, but it is not. The sky appears blue due to vision impairment. In this way, the world does not exist at all. It is like a dream in sleep. Every person dreams in sleep. Sometimes very unique things are found in dreams. Those things cause sorrow as well as happiness. Both are illusions. After waking up from sleep, the world does not exist. In this way, this world appears due to ignorance. After attaining knowledge, it is known that the world is just a spark of the mind. Sahib is saying that the body is the mind, the senses are also the mind. When you go beyond the resolution and option, then what remains is the soul. Like the sea is calm, but waves arise in it due to the speed of the wind. Similarly, the soul is calm. The world appears to be a pyre only due to the mind. When the mind is controlled, the existence of the world ends. This enlightened person does not get attached to the material things of the world even if he wants to.

J&K Congress on chain hunger strike in Jammu to press for Restoration of Statehood



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AKHNOOR**

Jammu and Kashmir unit of Congress on Sunday began a chain hunger strike here under its 'Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq' campaign to press for restoration of statehood to the Union Territory.

Pradesh Congress Committee president Tariq Hameed Karra led dozens of party leaders and workers, including several former ministers and legislators, in front of the statue of last Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh at Tawi bridge to begin the hunger strike.

"The chain hunger strike was supposed to commence simultaneously at Srinagar and Jammu on Saturday but it was delayed by one day in Jammu

due to the Raksha Bandhan festival," Karra told reporters after paying floral tributes to the Maharaja.

However, he said the venue of the hunger strike will be shifted near party headquarters at Shaheed Chowk along the residency road as the administration did not allow the party to set up a large tent for the participants.

The chain hunger strike commenced in Srinagar as per the schedule on August 9 and will continue till August 21, barring August 15 and 16.

Prominent among those attending the hunger strike include working president Raman Bhalla, former ministers Mula Ram, Choudhary Lal Singh, Yogesh Sawhney and Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, AICC secretary Mohd

Shahnawaz Choudhary, former legislator and chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Member of Legislative Assembly Iftikar Ahmed and District development councilor T S Tony.

"The hunger strike aims at intensifying the Congress party's campaign, which has been going on for the last six months across all the 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir to awaken this blind, deaf and dumb government," he said.

"We gathered near the statue of the Maharaja to take a pledge to continue our struggle for restoration of statehood to J-K which was the largest state in the country formed by Dogra rulers," the PCC president said.

He said the Congress recently organised marches in Srinagar and Jammu and later shifted the campaign to Delhi by giving a call for 'Delhi Chalo' as part of the intensified campaign for statehood.

"After our return from Delhi last month, we announced an outreach programme from August 1 to 5 to mobilise support of the civil society, including traders and transporters and also observed the sixth anniversary of the downgrading of J-K on August 5 as black day in all the 20 districts," he said.

He said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi also wrote a joint letter to the prime minister before the start of Monsoon session to remind the government of its promises made to the people of J-K within and outside Parliament on restoration of statehood. (Agencies)

Kulgam anti-terror operation enters 10th day

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SRINAGAR**

The anti-terror operation in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir entered its 10th day on Sunday as security forces tried to squeeze the cordon around the terrorists.

"The operation is still in progress. The security forces are trying to close in on the positions of the hiding ultras," an official said.

He said the terrorists seem to be highly trained in jungle warfare and are taking advantage of dense foliage to evade detection by drones.

Two Army soldiers have been killed while nine others have been injured since the encounter began on August 1 in Akhal forest area of Kulgam. This is the longest anti-terror operation in Kashmir valley in recent years.

Two terrorists have also been killed in the encounter. The identity and the group affiliation of the slain terrorists have not been ascertained so far.

Senior police and Army officers, including the Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Nalin Prabhat, and the Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, are closely monitoring the operation round-the-clock, officials said.

Security forces have pressed drones and helicopters into service to track the terrorists down in the forest area. Para commandos were also assisting the security forces in neutralising the hiding ultras.

Chinese manjha fatally slits biker's throat in Udhampur

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JAMMU**

A 25-year-old man on motorcycle died after a Chinese kite-string, locally known as Gattu, slit his throat in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police officials said.

The sale and use of the Chinese kite-string or 'Manja' is banned by the authorities and several shopkeepers were arrested in recent past across Jammu for clandestinely dealing with the material.

Rajinder Kumar, a resident of Seen Brahmana village, was moving towards Rehambal from Udhampur when his throat was slit open by the banned thread near Ghari village around 4.30 pm, the officials said.

BJP holds organizational meeting in Akhnoor to Plan Tiranga Yatras across District



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AKHNOOR

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma chaired an important organizational meeting of the BJP's Akhnoor District Unit at Akhnoor today. The meeting was focused on planning and mobilizing Tiranga Yatras

across the district in connection with the upcoming Independence Day celebrations.

The meeting was attended by DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, BJP District Prabhari Brijeshwar Rana, and District President Kuldeep Raj

Sharma, along with District team, Mandal Presidents, General Secretaries, and key activists.

Addressing the meeting, Sat Sharma said that the Tiranga Yatras are not just symbolic events; they are mass mobilizations that inspire patriotism and reinforce the commitment to national unity. Every booth, village, and ward should echo with the spirit of the tricolor.

Bharat Bhushan emphasized grassroots participation in the Yatras and said that every corner of Akhnoor should witness active involvement.

Mohan Lal Bhagat noted that such campaigns instill pride among the younger generation and deepen their connect with national values.

Kuldeep Raj Sharma assured full-scale coordination and mobilization across all Mandals. We are prepared to carry the Tiranga to every home and every heart, he affirmed.

Sat Sharma flags off Baba Budha Amarnath Yatra from Akhnoor

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J&K BJP President Sat Sharma today flagged off a convoy of devotees undertaking the sacred yatra to Baba Budha Amarnath Ji from the historic Kameshwar Mandir in Akhnoor. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Sadhu Samaaj, pilgrims and party workers who gathered in large numbers to seek blessings before the spiritual journey to the revered shrine in Poonch.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma expressed deep reverence for the yatra and said, "Baba Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra is a symbol of our spiritual heritage and unity. It connects the people of different regions through faith, devotion, and cultural pride."

He added that the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured safe, secure, and smooth conduct of pilgrimages across



Jammu & Kashmir, strengthening both religious tourism and local economies.

Mahant Rameshwar Das, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, and District President Kuldeep Raj Sharma were also present during the

flag-off ceremony, expressing their best wishes to the pilgrims.

The event was conducted with full traditional fervor, chants, and blessings, marking yet another successful departure of the revered yatra from Akhnoor.

PM-KISAN scheme program held in Lower Sungal B Panchayat, Akhnoor; MLA Mohan Lal joins farmers to listen to PM Modi's virtual address

SYSTEM OBSERVER
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To mark the release of the 20th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, a special event was organized by the Department of Agriculture at Lower Sungal B Panchayat in Akhnoor. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of farmers who gathered to listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address via virtual mode.

The program was graced by Akhnoor MLA Shri Mohan Lal as the chief guest. Prominent officials and dignitaries in attendance included Sub-Divisional

Agriculture Officer (SDAO) Rajan Sharma, Agriculture Extension Officer (AEO) Yogesh Mehta, former Sarpanch Shamsher Singh, former Sarpanch Rampal Sharma, BJP Mandal President Shamsher Dass, Jagdish Singh, Gullu Ram, and Ganesh Sharma, among others.

During the program, agriculture officials engaged in direct interaction with farmers and provided detailed information about the PM-KISAN scheme and various other government initiatives aimed at promoting agricultural welfare. It was explained that under the PM-KISAN scheme, eligible farmers receive ₹6,000 annually in three

equal installments, directly credited to their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.

Special emphasis was laid on the completion of e-KYC, Aadhaar linking, and updating of land records, ensuring that farmers can seamlessly access the scheme's benefits. The officials also took note of farmers' concerns and assured them of prompt redressal.

The event served as a vital platform for strengthening the connection between the government and farming community, reaffirming the commitment towards the upliftment of farmers through transparency and technology-driven governance.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' is a movement to inspire patriotic fervour: Rekha Mahajan

SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU

In a spirited effort to promote the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Kunjwani Mandal on Friday organised a workshop to encourage citizens to hoist the Tricolour at their homes on August 15.

District Vice President and Mandal Prabhari Narinder Gupta, Mandal President Ajay Partap, District Secretary and programme Incharges Jitendra Singh, Mandal General Secretary, Vikram Singh and Vishal were present on the occasion. The event witnessed participation from party leaders, workers, and local residents.

BJP J&K Vice President Rekha Mahajan, while addressing the gathering, underscored the importance of the National Flag as a symbol of unity, pride, and sacrifice.

She said that the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative was not merely a campaign but a movement to inspire patriotic fervour in every household.

"The Tricolour is our identity and our pride. By hoisting it at every home, we express our collective respect for the nation and its martyrs," Rekha Mahajan stated.

She appealed to people to actively participate in the campaign and ensure that the spirit of freedom reaches every citizen.

She urged residents to join hands in making the campaign a grand success, stressing that the initiative was an opportunity to remind the younger generation about the sacrifices made for India's independence.

She reiterated the call for unity and said that the flag not only represents sovereignty but also the aspirations of 140 crore Indians.

She explained the practical aspects of the campaign, guiding participants on the proper way to display the national flag in accordance with the Flag Code of India.

The workshop concluded with a pledge by all attendees to reach out to every household in their respective areas, and encourage citizens to take part in the campaign wholeheartedly.

Youth should reconnect with cultural roots through kite flying: Yudhvir Sethi

SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU

On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Senior BJP leader and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, joined BJP karyakartas in flying kites at Purani Mandi area of Jammu East Constituency. The event was marked by vibrant festivities reflecting the traditional spirit of the festival.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi urged the youth to reconnect with their rich cultural roots through kite flying.

"Youth should not forget traditional festivals and must take pride in celebrating our culture, which strengthens family and social bonds," he said.

He expressed concern over the growing trend of youngsters becoming engrossed in mobile phones and digital distractions, which often leads to disconnect from age-old customs.

"Today's generation is increasingly engrossed in digital devices and social media, which has led to a decline in traditional activities like kite flying. It's important for our youth to balance modern technology with our cultural heritage. Kite flying is not just a sport but a symbol of freedom and festivity that connects us to our roots. I urge young people to revive such traditions to keep our cultural spirit alive," Yudhvir Sethi said.

The kite-flying event saw enthusiastic participation from BJP workers and locals, who enjoyed the festive atmosphere and engaged in friendly competitions. The colorful kites soaring in the sky symbolized joy, freedom, and the spirit of togetherness.

The MLA also highlighted the government's efforts to promote cultural awareness and community bonding through various initiatives. He assured that the BJP would continue to encourage activities that preserve and promote traditional values among the younger generation.

The event concluded with sweets distribution and warm wishes exchanged among attendees, reinforcing the festival's message of love and protection between siblings.

GD Goenka's Shine Syal Steals the Show as Astronaut in Fashion Parade



**SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU**

Seven-year-old Shine Syal, a bright and enthusiastic 2nd standard student of GD Goenka School, Akhnoor, stole the spotlight at the school's recently held fashion parade with his imaginative astronaut-themed attire. Wearing a self-styled space suit, carefully crafted and adorned with the Indian tricolour, Shine not only showcased his creativity but also conveyed a deep sense of patriotism and a budding passion for space exploration. The young student revealed that his design was inspired by NASA, reflecting his admiration for the courage and dedication of astronauts.

In an interaction with System Observer, Shine spoke excitedly about his fascination for the mysteries of space and the adventurous life of astronauts. "I love how they enter into space and research over there," he

said, his eyes gleaming with curiosity. He expressed his heartfelt dream of one day contributing to the field of space science, aspiring to work with both ISRO and NASA. Shine added that he eagerly looks forward to the day when he can "deliver his best" to the advancement of space research, helping scientists uncover new horizons.

The young space enthusiast's performance at the parade received warm applause and words of encouragement from teachers, parents, and fellow students alike. Many praised his originality, confidence, and the thoughtful message behind his theme. Shine's presentation not only turned heads but also inspired others, proving that age is no barrier when it comes to dreaming big. His journey serves as a reminder that with passion, dedication, and creativity, even the smallest steps can lead to giant leaps in the future.

BTSM celebrates Raksha Bandhan by tying rakhi to tree

**SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU**

Today, the Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) celebrated Raksha Bandhan by tying rakhis (sacred threads) around trees and planting new ones in Jammu. Participants pledged to protect the environment and conserve trees. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the importance of trees and promote environmental consciousness and preservation.

The event, titled "Rakhi for Nature, Trees for Life," included the tying of traditional rakhis as a symbol of love and protection, followed by a tree plantation drive.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, President of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh UT, stated that the issue of global warming and the release of CO2 into the atmosphere are harming the environment. As a result, we are witnessing problems such as floods, rising temperatures, and natural disasters in today's world. It is crucial to find a balance between progress and environmental protection. One meaningful way to achieve this is by tying a rakhi to a tree and making a promise to protect it.

Furthermore, Vivek Sharma stated that we will raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation. He emphasised that we will work with a mission to ensure our message reaches every corner of India.

Among those present on this occasion were Dr Rohit Sadotra, Mr Majid, and others.

NC Betrayed J&K Again: Khatana tears into Party at Janta Darbar

**SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU**

Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Gulam Ali Khatana on Friday held a Janta Darbar in Jammu, where a large number of people from different sections of the society turned up to flag pressing issues ranging from basic civic amenities to local disputes etc. Residents said their problems had remained unresolved despite repeated approaches to the authorities.

Khatana used the occasion to mount a scathing attack on the National Conference (NC) accusing it of cheating people with false promises and failing to deliver on commitments despite being in power in the Union Territory for the past nine months or so. "Once again, the people of J&K have been let down. There is no progress on even basic issues," he said.

The MP alleged that the NC leadership was more interested in holding power than addressing public concerns and said this approach was hurting the people of J&K. "Their indifference is costing the people dearly," he remarked.

Khatana also visited the family of Parvez Ahmad from Javed Nagar, Nikki Tawi, who was recently killed. He offered condolences and assured the family that he would take up the matter at the appropriate level.

Reiterating his commitment to public issues, Khatana said he would continue to raise such matters in every forum and seek action from the administration.

District Development Council Poonch finalises annual action plan for FY 2025-26

**SYSTEM OBSERVER
POONCH**

A meeting of the District Development Council (DDC) Poonch was convened today at the Conference Hall of Dak Bungalow under the chairmanship of DDC Chairperson Tazeem Akhter.

The meeting witnessed the participation of key officers including District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Pankaj Magotra, ACR, ACP, ACD, along with all district officers and DDC Members.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to review the physical and financial progress made under the last year's Capital Expenditure (Capex) budget and initiate discussions on formulating the action plan for the upcoming financial year 2025-26.

During the session, ADDC Pankaj Magotra welcomed the participants and presented a detailed overview of the progress made so far, using a PowerPoint presentation. The discussions focused on developmental priorities for the next financial year, with a strong emphasis on addressing local needs.

CS assesses preparedness for implementation of e-Office at Tehsil level



**SYSTEM OBSERVER
SRINAGAR**

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today reviewed implementation of e-Office 2.0 at the Tehsil level, aimed at establishing a seamless and paperless governance model across all basic administrative units of Jammu & Kashmir.

The initiative seeks to extend the digital governance to 207 tehsils in the UT.

Present in the meeting were Secretary, IT; CEO, JaKeGA; SIO, NIC and other concerned officers while the Deputy Commissioners participated virtually.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of the legacy data in these offices. He said that this data stored in paper files is of paramount importance hence deserves to be protected for the posterity for smooth functioning of these government offices.

He directed the Deputy Commissioners to work out a plan for time bound scanning of all the files relevant to the public matters so that there erupts no incoherence while disbursing the official functioning in future after switching over to e-Office

completely.

He also impressed upon the IT Department to complete the onboarding of remaining users on the e-Office for its rolling out without further delay. He stressed on the capacity building and training of such users for effective and efficient delivery in the offices directly involved with significant public affairs.

Secretary, IT, Dr Piyush Singla, while speaking in the meeting, highlighted numerous benefits being offered by this system. He said that it will ensure faster delivery of services and quicker decision-making thus enhancing the accountability and transparency in the system.

About the rollout process, the Secretary informed the meeting the same is being done in four phases. It began with the collection of Employee Master Data (EMD) for enabling email and VPN facilities, a task that has already been completed. This was followed by the creation of official email IDs and mapping of users in the system, alongside establishment of NIC-NET/VPN access to ensure remote connectivity.

During the review, it was

also revealed that the initiative has achieved remarkable progress as 20,517 users have been onboarded, covering 95.28% of the target and 3,804 offices have been brought on board achieving 95.94% of the goal. A total of 20,580 government email IDs have been created and 11,375 VPN connections have been set up.

Moreover, it was divulged that the help desks are now functional in all 20 districts as well as in the Civil Secretariat and over 220 training sessions have been held for Heads of Departments, Deputy Commissioners and departmental staff to enhance their capacity and its smooth rollout in these grassroots administrative offices.

It was informed that a multi-tiered implementation team has been established at the UT, Divisional and District level to oversee the roll out. These teams have defined responsibilities to ensure coordination, technical assistance and user onboarding with administrative oversight provided by the Secretary IT at the UT level and by the District Commissioners at the district level, the meeting was apprised.

BJP will ensure women of J&K lead from front in politics, governance, and nation-building: Sat Sharma



SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, under the leadership of its President Sat Sharma, reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to women-led development and grassroots empowerment during a meeting held at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting was attended by senior women leaders including BJP Vice-President Priya Sethi, General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, BJP Mahila Morcha President Neha Mahajan, and senior Mahila Morcha leaders.

Addressing the meeting, Sat Sharma declared that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, women in India have moved

from the margins to the mainstream of politics and governance. He said that the Modi government has not just spoken of empowerment, it has delivered it at every level. From Parliament to Panchayat, from space missions to the streets of our villages, Nari Shakti is scripting the new story of India, he said and added that in Jammu & Kashmir, the BJP will ensure that women lead from the front not as token representatives but as decisive voices shaping policies, defending rights, and driving the nation's progress.

Highlighting the Modi government's achievements, Sat Sharma cited landmark measures like the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam ensuring 33% reservation for women in

Parliament and State Assemblies, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mission Shakti, PM Awas Yojana (73% of beneficiaries women), Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, PM MUDRA Yojana, and Stand-Up India. He stressed that in Jammu & Kashmir, the abrogation of Article 35A has granted women equal property rights, a historic correction ensuring dignity, equality, and opportunity for every daughter of the region.

Priya Sethi said that grassroots-oriented policies such as construction of toilets, provision of tap water, and housing for women have enhanced dignity and reduced rural hardships. "This is not just women's development; it is women-led development where women take decisions for their own welfare and for the nation," she said.

Sanjita Dogra emphasized that political empowerment is the next frontier. "BJP is committed to creating a strong cadre of women leaders in J&K who can raise their voice fearlessly for the rights, dignity, and progress of women," she stated.

Neha Mahajan pledged to strengthen the organizational presence of women across every district. "We will ensure that the benefits of every Modi government scheme reach the last woman standing in the queue," she said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah pays tributes to army soldiers

SYSTEM OBSERVER
KULGAM

Chief Minister today laid a wreath and paid rich tribute to the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty at Kulgam.

The solemn ceremony was held in honour of the personnel who laid down their lives defending the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

Expressing deep sorrow and gratitude, the Chief Minister said that the sacrifices of these valiant soldiers would always be remembered.

He reiterated his government's unwavering support for the armed forces and their families.

Sakeena Itoo inaugurates Science Block at GHSS D K Marg Kulgam

SYSTEM OBSERVER
KULGAM

Minister for Education, Sakeena Itoo, today inaugurated the newly constructed Science Block at Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), D K Marg besides participating in Parent-Teachers Meet (PTM) of the institute.

Director School Education Kashmir, CEO Kulgam, Principal GHSS D.K Marg, SDM DH Pora, senior officers of district administration, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

While speaking on the occasion of the Cluster PTM, the Minister said that the government is focused to ensure access to quality education for all, adding that concrete measures are being taken to strengthen the educational infrastructure across the region. She added that the government is actively creating and upgrading the school infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir to provide students with modern, well-equipped learning environments.

The Minister further said that the students possess immense talent and the government is giving special focus to the education and health sectors, ensuring inclusive development. She noted that there is ample talent among the students which needs to be tapped in a positive way by providing them with platforms to showcase their abilities, including those from remote areas.

The Minister highlighted that the schools will be equipped with all kind of basic amenities like washrooms, fencing and other essential facilities to create a better learning environment.

The Minister also said that the tourism potential of DH Pora and its surrounding areas like Aharbal, Kongwattan, Kounsarnag and Panchan Pathri areas, known for their pristine beauty, rich biodiversity and trekking routes, will be tapped to boost tourism activities in these areas. She added that the local youth will be trained in tourism related trades to boost the self employment avenues for them and also develop these areas economically.

The Minister also felicitated NEET achiever and an athlete of the institution on the occasion.

Later, the Minister visited GHSS K.B.Pora and participated in a PTM at the institute.

On the occasion, the Minister also distributed aids and appliances among the Children with Special Needs (CWSN).

Javid Dar inaugurates Macadamization Projects in Rafiabab Constituency

SYSTEM OBSERVER
BARAMULLA

Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development Department, and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today inaugurated the macadamization work of roads in various localities of Rafiabab Constituency including Alsafa Colony B&C, Rohama Seripora, Brandub Kammer and Khanmoh and Tujjar Sharif - Zanipora road, Baramulla.

Javid Dar stated that the road infrastructure development is aimed at improving the connectivity and accessibility for residents. He further said that the government is determined for enhancing the road conditions to facilitate smooth transportation and boost local economic activities in these areas. The Minister assured that macadamization of roads in these localities is expected to have a positive impact on the local community, improving connectivity, accessibility and economic activity.

Tariffs Won't Shake 1.4 Billion Dreams — India Stands Tall: Gaurav

SYSTEM OBSERVER
JAMMU

BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta has sharply criticized the United States' decision to impose a 50% tariff on Indian imports, calling it unjust, discriminatory, and a blatant example of geopolitical double standards. Gaurav Gupta said that America's justification—India's continued purchase of Russian oil—is misleading and hypocritical. "Our energy imports are driven solely by national interest and market economics, aimed at securing affordable energy for 1.4 billion Indians," he said.

He pointed out that multiple major economies—including the European Union, China, Japan, South Korea, and Turkey—continue to import Russian energy in large volumes. Even the U.S. itself imports uranium and enriched uranium hexafluoride from Russia. "Yet, only India is being penalized. Why? This reflects a clear and targeted double standard," Gupta said.

He emphasized that these new tariffs on sectors like textiles, gems & jewellery, machinery, and vehicles are not just about Russian oil—they are part of a larger attempt to push India to open its agriculture and dairy markets to genetically modified and ethically objectionable products such as blood meal. "Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India has repeatedly and firmly declined such unreasonable demands.



We will never compromise our farmers, our food safety, or our cultural values," he asserted.

Speaking on the global context, Gupta said the U.S. move is not isolated. "Other BRICS nations like Brazil and South Africa have also been punished for not falling in line. Brazilian leader Jair Bolsonaro faced coup allegations and lost elections to Lula da Silva, who himself has been accused of corruption. In South Africa, President Ramaphosa has consistently voiced anti-West sentiments, yet India is being targeted disproportionately. This is not about oil—it's about sovereignty and strategic independence," he noted.

Gaurav Gupta further added that while the U.S. pushes its 'America First' policy, it should realize the world is now multipolar. "India is a responsible,

rising power, recently concluding Free Trade Agreements with the UK and Saudi Arabia. Our credibility is globally recognized," he said.

In a sharp observation on timing, he pointed to the upcoming SCO Summit in China, where PM Modi, Russian President Putin, and Chinese President Xi Jinping are all scheduled to meet. "This trilateral presence signals a new global alignment, and it's clear that no one country can dictate terms anymore," Gupta said.

He concluded by saying, "India won't kneel to threats. We are open to fair and respectful engagement, but pressure tactics will not work. This so-called setback is actually a blessing in disguise. It will strengthen our resolve for self-reliance and push us toward a more balanced and assertive global role."



EDITORIAL

India, a country known for its rich intellectual heritage, is witnessing a steady rise in the number of study centres across its length and breadth. From urban hubs to rural corners, study centres have become a popular and necessary part of the academic landscape. These centres are not limited to just coaching institutes; they include government-sponsored learning hubs, self-study libraries, online support centres, and community-driven educational spaces. This growing trend is playing a vital role in strengthening the education system of the country.

One of the major factors contributing to the rise of study centres is the increasing competition in both academic and professional fields. With lakhs of students preparing for exams like NEET, JEE, UPSC, SSC, and state-level tests, the need for dedicated, distraction-free spaces to study has grown significantly. Not every student has access to a peaceful environment at home, especially in densely populated or economically weaker areas. Study centres fill this gap by offer-

ing an organised, disciplined, and focused atmosphere ideal for learning.

Moreover, many of these centres are equipped with internet access, digital libraries, and online learning tools. As a result, students can access a wide range of resources they might not otherwise afford. In an age where digital learning is becoming essential, such facilities help bridge the gap between urban and rural learners. Many state governments and local authorities have also started providing free or subsidised access to such centres to ensure inclusive learning for all.

Another important benefit is peer motivation. Study centres attract like-minded individuals working towards similar goals. This environment encourages students to remain focused, share resources, solve doubts, and develop a sense of healthy competition. Especially for aspirants of competitive exams, this kind of motivation and mutual support often becomes a driving force.

Apart from the physical centres, online study hubs have also witnessed a massive boom. Virtual study rooms, YouTube-based learning communities, and platforms like NPTEL, SWAYAM, and BYJU'S have created new-age digital study centres that are

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accessible from anywhere. The hybrid model — a mix of online resources and physical study spaces — is particularly effective in today's tech-savvy generation.

Study centres also contribute positively to mental health. Preparing for exams in isolation often leads to stress and anxiety. Being in a shared learning space helps reduce this burden and fosters a sense of belonging and community. Many centres now include counselling support and time-management workshops, helping students cope with academic pressure.

The increasing number of such centres has also opened employment opportunities. From teaching staff to administrative roles, many individuals find part-time or full-time employment, thereby contributing to the local economy. Entrepreneurs too are exploring study centre franchises, given the rising demand in tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

However, challenges remain. There is a need for regulation to ensure quality infrastructure, safety, and fair pricing. In some areas, overcrowding and lack of proper ventilation or hygiene can be issues. Moreover, affordability is still a concern for students from low-income backgrounds, especially in private centres. Addressing these concerns will require joint efforts from the government,



private sector, and civil society.

The increasing number of study centres in India is a promising sign for the country's educational future. They serve as beacons of hope for students striving to build better lives through hard work and learning. With proper management, inclusivity, and innovation, these centres can be transformed into powerful engines of academic empowerment.

Independence Day of India: Remembering the Sacrifices and Honouring the Real Heroes



ROZIA KAZMI

Every year on 15th August, India celebrates its Independence Day a proud reminder of the nation's hard-earned freedom after decades of struggle against colonial rule. It is a day of patriotic fervour, when the tricolour flutters high, national anthems echo across the land, and the

spirit of unity binds every Indian together, irrespective of region, religion, or language.

The Sacrifice of Freedom Fighters

India's independence was not a gift, but the result of countless sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. From Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent movement to the revolutionary courage of Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Rani Lakshmi Bai, and many others their determination, hardships, and ultimate sacrifices paved the way for a free India. Even after independence in 1947, their vision of a strong, united, and just nation continues to inspire generations.

Tribute to the Brave Jawans

Freedom did not mark the end of sacrifices. Post-independence, India's soldiers our jawans have con-

tinued to guard the borders, ensuring the sovereignty, dignity, and integrity of the nation. From the icy heights of Kargil to the dense forests in insurgency-affected areas, they stand as a shield between the nation and any threat. Many have made the supreme sacrifice in battles and counter-terrorism operations, protecting millions of lives without hesitation. On this day, the nation bows its head in gratitude to these valiant souls.

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"A jawan's life is a pledge to stand guard, to face every danger, and to put the nation's safety above personal comfort. Our duty ends only when our last breath is in service of the motherland."

"For us, the motto is simple — Nation First. Everything else comes later."

Rozia Kazmi's words echo

the dedication of every soldier, reminding us that the uniform comes with a sacred promise to protect the tricolour at any cost.

The Value of Unity in India

India's greatest strength lies in its unity in diversity. With hundreds of languages, traditions, and faiths, the spirit of togetherness keeps the country strong. History has shown that when Indians stand united whether in times of war, disaster, or national achievement no force can weaken the nation's resolve. Unity is not just a virtue; it is the foundation of India's progress and security.

Who Are the Real Heroes?

The real heroes of India are not only the historic leaders and soldiers but also the countless unsung citizens who put the nation above themselves farmers

who feed the country, scientists who advance its capabilities, teachers who shape its future, doctors who save lives in crises, and every individual who works with honesty and dedication. They may not wear medals, but their contribution is woven into the fabric of India's growth.

Conclusion

Independence Day is more than a commemoration; it is a reminder of our duty to protect the hard-earned freedom and dignity of the nation. As we remember the sacrifices of the past and honour those who safeguard our present, let us pledge to uphold unity, integrity, and patriotism — so that the dream of a strong, prosperous, and inclusive India continues to shine for generations to come.

Jai Hind!

Harnessing People Power

K K Tripathy

The Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) has kept its promise of introducing a comprehensive policy dedicated to the country's cooperative development by releasing an all-inclusive 'National Cooperation Policy 2025' (NCP-2025), following a prolonged wait of 23 years.

NCP-2025 — drafted by a 48-member committee under the chairmanship of former Union Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu after extensive pan-India stakeholder consultations — is not merely a reform document. It is a strategy paper that envisages a developed India and outlines strategic actions to achieve the pre-defined targets.

NCP-2025 & Viksit Bharat @2047

NCP-2025 envisions contributing to India's collective ambition of Viksit Bharat @2047 by following the Hon'ble Prime Minister's mantra - Sahkar se Samridhhi. Realising

this vision demands the promotion of an enabling environment for sustainable cooperative development by building an inclusive and equitable Bharat.

It proposes a targeted mission over the next 10 years to achieve 16 core policy objectives by strengthening the foundation of the cooperative movement, encouraging sectoral vibrancy, making cooperatives future-ready, promoting inclusivity, deepening the reach of cooperation, entering emerging sectors, and inspiring the youth to lead cooperative growth. Cooperatives can significantly contribute to realising the dream of Viksit Bharat@47, given their spread, outreach, and employment and wealth generation potential.

Community-driven and member-owned cooperatives and collective enterprises are ideally suited to create an inclusive, resilient, tech-enabled, and innovation-driven economy — transforming India into

a global manufacturing and services hub while ensuring that no one is left behind, especially at the grassroots. Within the overall architecture of governance, and by adopting a whole-of-Government approach, cooperatives are poised to become profitable business ventures and bolster the initiative of making India self-reliant. The NCP-2025 is expected to aid in achieving the outlined goals for comprehensive cooperative development.

Actions Are the New Policy

NCP-2025 aims to ensure a level playing field for cooperatives so that they may operate on the same footing as corporate sectors. It promises action on access to finance, ease of doing business, and prioritising member-driven governance capable of facing competition. Furthermore, cooperatives are encouraged to function independently. The policy includes provisions for establishing supportive infrastructure, enabling legal frameworks, and arranging

adequate and timely finance. Many of these enabling provisions, as reflected in NCP-2025, have already been implemented by the MoC.

Over the last four years, one of the MoC's significant initiatives has been the adoption of model bye-laws for PACS by 32 States/UTs — enabling the creation of a vibrant, multi-purpose, and multi-dimensional cooperative culture at the grassroots. In addition, integrating PACS businesses with Common Service Centres for delivering nearly 300 e-services; empowering them to function as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras; incentivising the production of pulses (tur, masur, and urad) to reduce import dependency; and raising maize production to support the Ethanol Blending Programme through the National Cooperative Consumer Federation and the National Agricultural Cooperative

NZ register their biggest win in Tests after thrashing Zimbabwe by an innings and 359 runs



BULAWAYO

New Zealand have registered their biggest ever Test victory after crushing Zimbabwe by an innings and 359 runs to complete a 2-0 series sweep at the Queens Sports Club here on Saturday. The huge loss is also Zimbabwe's heaviest defeat in the longer format.

After New Zealand declared their first innings on 601/3 in 130 overs at the start of the third day's play, debutant pacer Zakary Foulkes picked a five-wicket haul and now holds the record for the best figures by a New Zealand bowler on Test debut.

Senior seamer Matt Henry, Jacob Duffy, and Matt Fisher were all among the wickets to bowl out Zimbabwe for 117 in their second innings. Henry, who will now join Welsh Fire for a stint at The Hundred, capped off a brilliant series with 16 wickets.

For Zimbabwe, Nick Welch

offered lone resistance by remaining unbeaten on 47 after coming in during the first over of their second innings and had to single-handedly do the scoring, even as he watched wickets tumble around him.

Brian Bennett was out in the first over, as Henry castled him with an inswinger, while an outswinger dismissed Brendan Taylor from the pacer. Sean Williams got a leading edge off Duffy, who completed a simple caught and bowled dismissal, while Craig Ervine nicked off in the cordon off Fisher.

All-rounder Sikandar Raza was troubled by the short ball once again and gave a catch to gully off Foulkes. What also didn't help Zimbabwe's cause was that none of the lower-order batters got into double figures.

Duffy thought he had sealed the win early for New Zealand, but was denied due to a no-ball called after he overstepped at the crease. The end, though, came swiftly afterwards, as Duffy had Tanaka

Head, Markram, Rabada return as Australia host young Proteas side in T20I series

CAIRNS (AUSTRALIA)

Just a few months after South Africa scripted history by defeating Australia in the final of the 2025 World Test Championship, the Proteas aim to fine-tune their T20 squad with a three-game series Down Under. The series will begin with back-to-back matches at the TIO Stadium in Marrara before concluding at the Cazalys Stadium in Westcourt, Cairns.

The return of Travis Head has further bolstered Australia's batting depth, which was evident in their recent 5-0 sweep of the West Indies. Skipper Mitchell Marsh confirmed he and Head will be opening the innings for the foreseeable future. Meanwhile, South Africa participated in a tri-series in Zimbabwe and lost to New Zealand in the final with an experimental squad.

For the Proteas, a few key names have returned for this trip, notably captain Aiden Markram and pace

spearhead Kagiso Rabada, but it also continues to be a test for the young side. Marsh spoke on the exciting challenge of facing a young side.

"They've some young guys that have, I guess, burst onto the scene over the last couple of years. That's always exciting for international cricket, and provides us with a different challenge, but certainly looking forward to coming up against them," said Marsh to reporters on Friday.

Where to watch Australia vs South Africa 2025 T20 live in India

Live streaming of the Australia vs South Africa T20 2025 cricket series will be available to watch on the JioHotstar website and app in India. Live telecast of the AUS vs SA T20I series on the Star Sports Network TV channels.

Australia vs South Africa 2025 T20 series schedule

As per Indian Standard Time (IST)

August 10, Sunday: Australia vs South Africa 1st match – 2:45 PM

August 12, Tuesday: Australia vs South Africa 2nd match – 2:45 PM

August 16, Saturday: Australia vs South Africa 3rd match – 2:45 PM

Australia vs South Africa 2025 T20 series squads

Australia: Mitchell Marsh (c), Sean Abbott, Tim David, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Matt Kuhnemann, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Owen, Matthew Short, Adam Zampa

South Africa: Aiden Markram (c), Corbin Bosch, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, George Linde, Kwen Maphaka, Senuran Muthusamy, Lungi Ngidi, Nqaba Peter, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, Tristan Stubbs, Prenelan Subrayen, Rassie van der Dussen



Made a mistake by rushing back to playing cricket after back surgery, admits Rashid Khan



NEW DELHI

Afghanistan's premier leg-spinner Rashid Khan

admitted that he made a mistake by returning to cricketing action too quickly after his back surgery,

which happened shortly after the 2023 ODI World Cup.

After having a difficult IPL 2025 campaign, where he conceded 33 sixes while playing for Gujarat Titans (GT), Rashid took two months off and returned to action with a match-winning 3-11 in defending champions Oval Invincibles' win over London Spirit in their first game of The Hundred at Lord's.

"After IPL, I needed the kind of break where my body gets back to normal. I worked a little bit on my strength. And especially coming back from back surgery, I hadn't had much time to rehab properly. That's where I did a bit of mistake to restart my cricket so quickly at that time."

"And I feel like I didn't let myself properly recover, and I pushed it a little bit at that time, and I can see the disadvantage of that now. But after IPL (2025), I felt like I needed that kind of two months off where I can just focus on my fitness," Rashid was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo on Saturday.

Rashid led Afghanistan to

the semi-finals of 2024 Men's T20 World Cup, before back and hamstring injuries forced him to miss the BBL and PSL. He returned in January 2025 for the second Test against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo, and picking 11 wickets in 55 overs to be named Player of the Match. But the physical toll of that effort was apparent in his not-so memorable campaigns in Champions Trophy and IPL 2025.

"When I came back to cricket after surgery, I was told not to rush back in the longer formats (Tests and ODIs) that quickly as that was not going to help me. About eight to nine months after I had started to play post surgery, I bowled 65 (55) overs in the Bulawayo Test. That really pushed my back a little bit, and I felt it at that time. I shouldn't have been in whites (to play Tests)."

"In T20s, it's fine – you can manage yourself – but for the longer formats, I was advised that you should be away from that format for some time. That is the kind of mistake I have made. But the team needed that. At

that time, we had lost a few games in Test cricket, but that's something where I rushed myself a little bit, and I didn't give myself time and I felt it later on."

After IPL 2025 was over, Rashid withdrew from the MLC in USA, where he was to turn out for MI New York, to focus on recovery, and doing strength training for his lower back in the gym. He also did spot bowling two or three times a week, with some batting practice. Off the field, the legspinner, who got married in October last year, spent time relaxing with his family.

"After IPL finished, for three weeks, I didn't touch the ball. I spent most of my time with my family, (and) my nephews – going around with them, (and) had fun – just to take all those memories and stuff and bad days out of my mind, and then restart with the cricket. That's what I did just to be refreshed, and then got back on track and got back bowling in the right spot," he concluded.

Punjab soldiers Martyred in Kulgam encounter with terrorists cremated with full military honours



CHANDIGARH

The funeral of Lance Naik Pritpal Singh and Sepoy Harminder Singh, who were martyred in a gunfight with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam, was held with full military honours at their native places in Punjab on Sunday.

The two Army soldiers were martyred in an overnight gunfight with terrorists on the ninth day of an ongoing encounter in Kulgam district on Saturday. The encounter began on August 1 after security forces launched a cordon and search operation in a forest at Akhal in the south Kashmir district, following intel-



ligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there.

Earlier in the day, the bodies of Lance Naik Pritpal Singh reached his native place Manupur village in Samrala and Sepoy Harminder Singh's body reached his village, Badinpur, in Mandi Gobindgarh.

Grieving family members were joined by a large number of mourners at their residences to pay last respects.

Pritpal Singh (28) joined the Army in 2015, his brother Harpreet Singh said. He got married in February this year and returned to duty in April. He was to come home on leave this month, his brother said.

Harpreet said he received a

call on Friday morning from Army officials that he died in a gunfight.

Sepoy Harminder Singh (26) was to return home on leave in a week, his cousin said. He is survived by his elderly parents, a brother and a sister.

Scores of mourners bid a tearful adieu to the two Punjab soldiers. Political leaders, senior officials from the district administrations and Army officials attended the cremation.

Samrala MLA Jagtar Singh Dyalpura, who attended the cremation of Lance Naik Pritpal Singh, said the state government was with his family.

He said Pritpal Singh performed his duty with bravery and dedication and his sacrifice will continue to inspire the youth.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has expressed grief over the death of the two soldiers. Former chief minister Amarinder Singh, too, condoled their death.

"Deeply anguished by the martyrdom of Sepoy Pritpal Singh from Manupur, Khanna & Sepoy Harminder Singh from Badinpur, Mandi Gobindgarh in an encounter with terrorists in Kulgam, J&K. Their supreme sacrifice in service to the nation will never be forgotten. My prayers for strength to their families in this hour of grief," Singh posted on X.

Anand Sharma resigns as chairman of Congress's foreign affairs department

NEW DELHI

Veteran Congress leader Anand Sharma resigned as the chairman of the party's foreign affairs department on Sunday to help in its reconstitution and enable bringing in younger leaders.

The former Union minister led the department for around a decade as the National Committee of Department of Foreign Affairs was last constituted in 2018.

"As I have conveyed earlier both to CP and Chairperson CPP, in my considered view, the committee needs to be reconstituted to bring in younger leaders of potential and promise. That will ensure continuity in its functioning.

"Expressing my gratitude to the party leadership for having entrusted me with this responsibility, I am submitting my resignation as Chairman DFA (Department of Foreign Affairs) to facilitate its reconstitution," Sharma said in his resignation letter addressed to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

Sharma, a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the highest decision-making body in the party, has been the Congress's leading face on international affairs for almost four decades.

Sharma, however, continues to be a member of the Congress.

He has earlier played a crucial role in the negotiations of the Indo-US nuclear deal, pitched for India-specific waivers at the Nuclear Suppliers Group and is also credited with institutionalising the India-Africa partnership in a structured manner and convening the first India-Africa summit.

He was also a member of the recent all-party parliamentary delegations that were sent abroad to put forth India's stance in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor. Sharma also articulated India's position to the world after the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

During his tenure as the commerce minister, the first-ever WTO Agreement and comprehensive trade agreements were signed.

In his letter, Sharma said the DFA has, over the last few decades, been actively engaged in building and strengthening the Congress's relations with like-minded political parties across the world, which share the values of democracy, equality and human rights.

He said the Congress has built strong relations with major political parties in Asia, Africa, Middle East, Europe and Latin America. The foreign affairs department of the party has established an institutional mechanism for the exchange of leadership delegations with fraternal political parties and international organisations.

"I have had the privilege to have been proactively associated with all major international initiatives of the Congress since mid 1980s as IYC president. These included: NAM youth conference 1985 and the historic 'Anti Apartheid Conference' in 1987. These were universally acclaimed," Sharma said.

He also said the Congress successfully convened the historic Satyagraha centenary conference in January 2007 and an international conference on the 125th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru in November 2014, which were attended by eminent world leaders. These conferences, chaired by then Congress president Sonia Gandhi, received worldwide acclaim.

ISRO to launch 6,500 kg communication satellite built by USA in couple of months: Chairman

NEW DELHI

After marking a humble beginning in Indian space programme with a tiny rocket supplied by the United States, ISRO would launch a 6,500 kg communication satellite built by the USA in the next couple of months, the Chairman of space agency, V Narayanan said on Sunday.

Following the historic launch of NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) mission onboard a GSLV-F16 rocket on July 30, ISRO would be launching another satellite for the United States, he said at an event near Chennai.

Narayanan, who is also the secretary, Department of Space, was presented with the honorary degree, Doctor of Science, by the Governor of Maharashtra C P Radhakrishnan, during the 21st Convocation of SRM Institute of Science and Technology at Kattankulathur near Chennai.

Bihar DyCM Vijay Kumar Sinha Has Two EPIC Cards: Tejashwi



PATNA,

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Sunday alleged that Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha has two voter ID cards and asked what action is being taken against Sinha.

Yadav, talking to reporters here, said, "Vijay Kumar Sinha is a voter from two different assembly constituencies in two different districts. His name is there in the Lakhisarai assembly constituency in the same district and also in Bankipur assembly constituency in Patna district.

"He has two different Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) cards. Surprisingly, it has happened after the Special

Intensive Revision (SIR) by the Election Commission in Bihar. Who should be held responsible, either Sinha himself or the Election Commission? What action is being taken against Sinha? When will he (Sinha) resign from the post after the revelations?"

The Leader of Opposition in Bihar Assembly said Sinha's EPIC ID number in the Lakhisarai assembly constituency is IAF3939337, and in the Bankipur assembly constituency in Patna district, his ID number is AFS0853341.

"While Sinha's age is 57 years in one list and 60 years in another. Is this not fraud and an age scam? He must have filled two different forms in two

different assembly constituencies. He deliberately got two votes registered in two different places. If he did not personally sign both forms, then did the Election Commission create two different votes for him in two different assembly constituencies based on forged signatures? Will he receive two different notices, or are these rules only for the opposition leaders?" he alleged.

Commenting on the EC asking him to respond to allegations that he holds two EPIC numbers, the RJD leader said, "I have replied to the EC...why should I need to give an explanation for this? He accused the EC of attempting to pin on him a mistake committed by its own officials." Recently, the EC had asked Yadav to respond to allegations that he holds two EPIC numbers. "Whose lapse is it if two EPIC numbers were issued to me? Galti khud karen aur explanation hamse mangege (They make the mistake themselves and are seeking an explanation from me)." Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Kumar in a post on X on Saturday shared screenshots of the draft electoral rolls in which the DyCM has been shown as a voter in Lakhisarai, his assembly seat, as well as Bankipur in the capital city.

Pak SC to resume hearing on Imran Khan's bail denial pleas on Aug 12



ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Supreme Court will resume on Tuesday the hearing of appeals filed by jailed former premier Imran Khan against the denial of bail in cases related to May 9 violence, according to a media report on Sunday.

According to the appeals filed by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supremo, he was denied post-arrest bail by the Lahore High Court (LHC) in eight cases related to the violence that erupted on May 9, 2023, after his arrest from the Islamabad High Court premises, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The LHC rejected Khan's bail citing his alleged role in planning attacks on military installations in

anticipation of his arrest on May 9. The Supreme Court had adjourned the hearings on July 29 on the request of the defence counsel, who said that lead counsel Salman Safdar was abroad.

The case will be taken up on Tuesday by a three-judge bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Yahya Afridi and comprising Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui and Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, according to the report.

Khan, 72, is booked in several cases in Lahore in connection with the May 9 violence, including for allegedly inciting his supporters to attack government and military buildings.

According to the pleas, Khan was in the custody of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) at the time of the alleged offence, and, therefore, his involvement in the May 9 violence was "impossible", the report said.

Khan, who was ousted from office in April 2022, has been in the high-security Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi, since August 2023 after being convicted in a corruption case. He faces multiple legal cases, most of them filed after his removal from power.

Nepal's LGBTQ+ community holds first Pride rally since US funding cuts

KATHMANDU

Members of the Nepal's LGBTQ+ community and supporters rallied in the capital Sunday in the annual pride rally, which was the first since a major cut in funding after the US government ceased financial aid.

Hundreds of people took part in the rally through the heart of Kathmandu, playing music and dancing in the Gai Jatra festival, which is celebrated to remember family members who have passed away during the year. But it has long drawn colourful parades by bringing in sexual minorities to join in on the festivities.

Nepal's LGBTQ+ campaign has been hit after US President Donald Trump's administration began dismantling the US Agency for International Development, which was responsible for humanitarian aid.

Most of the help centres for Nepal's LGBTQ+ community have been closed because of a lack of funds. Thousands of people have been left without support.

In the past few years, Nepal's LGBTQ+ community made rapid

advancements in securing their rights. The nation became one of the first in Asia to allow same-sex marriage. The constitution adopted in 2015 explicitly stated there can be no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The US was among the biggest donors for the LGBTQ+ rights campaign.

Over the years, USAID and others stepped in and partnered with help centres to support initiatives like HIV prevention and care, and safe-sex counselling. The US funds were vital for running the centres and clinics that helped with distributing free condoms, screenings and follow-up treatment for people with HIV.

Now the USAID office in Nepal is closed.

"Because of the cut in funding many of the services we have been providing to the community have been hit badly, but we are not discouraged but are hopeful we will get alternative sources and fundings to help us restart those services," said Simran Sherchan, a LGBTQ+ rights activist in the rally.

Trump's 50% Tariff on India Sparks Global Trade Tensions, Fuels Geopolitical Shifts



NEW DELHI

In a dramatic escalation of trade hostilities, U.S. President Donald Trump has signed an executive order imposing an additional 25% tariff on Indian goods, raising the total tariff burden to a staggering 50%. The move has triggered sharp criticism from New Delhi and rattled global markets, amid fears it could reshape the geopolitical landscape.

Trump accused India of purchasing petroleum and natural gas from Russia, alleging that Moscow was using the proceeds to fund its war against Ukraine. When pressed by reporters about the United States' own ongoing trade with Russia, Trump tersely responded, "I have no knowledge about it; I'll check it out and tell." The statement was widely seen as a blunt admission of double standards.

India Holds Firm, Freezes U.S. Arms Purchases

In an immediate and bold response, India placed on hold its planned purchases of U.S. defense equipment, including P-8I Poseidon surveillance aircraft, Stryker armored vehicles, and Javelin anti-tank missiles. Officials in New Delhi stressed that India reserves the sovereign right to engage in trade with any country for the welfare of its citizens and the protection of its national interests.

"This is not just about tariffs; it's about our sovereignty. India will not allow any foreign power to dictate its trade policy," a senior government source told System Observer.

Shifting Global Alliances - RIC Back in Debate

Recent geopolitical studies by System Observer indicate that the renewed cooperation between Russia, India, and China (RIC) is gaining momentum in the wake of U.S. trade aggression. Analysts suggest that



Washington's aggressive tariff policies could inadvertently push New Delhi closer to Moscow and Beijing, potentially altering the global balance of power.

Within NATO, several member states are reportedly frustrated by Trump's

"economic dadagiri" and unilateral trade actions, which they fear could destabilize existing alliances.

Historic Parallels to Colonial Rule

On the eve of India's Independence Day celebrations, System Observer draws a historical parallel: since the end of British rule in 1947, India's Constitution has enshrined sovereignty, unity, and freedom from external control. The current standoff raises a critical question—will India allow a new form of economic colonialism from the United States, or will it seize the moment to strengthen alternative global partnerships?

Moscow - Delhi Engagement Intensifies

Following Russia's own recent tariff announcement on certain Indian imports, India's National Security

Advisor Ajit Doval and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with President Vladimir Putin for high-level talks in Moscow. Shortly after, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Putin spoke directly, discussing the Ukraine conflict and preparing for Putin's upcoming state visit to India.

The Road Ahead - Confrontation or Cooperation?

Whether this marks the beginning of a wider trade war or a pivot toward new global alliances remains uncertain. But one thing is clear: India's refusal to bow to Washington's tariff pressure could redefine not only its economic trajectory but also the world's geopolitical order.

Infographic Highlights & Insights

- Trade Surge Between India & Russia**
India-Russia bilateral trade has skyrocketed nearly 12-fold, from roughly \$6.1 billion in 2015 to \$72 billion in 2024. Imports alone reached about \$67.15 billion in 2024.
- Trade Comparison: EU vs. India with Russia**
Bilateral trade between India and Russia is now on par with that of the European Union, illustrating that India remains deeply interconnected despite Western pressure.
- India's Growing Dependence on Russian Oil**
Russia has become India's primary oil supplier, accounting for 35-40% of India's crude imports by mid-2025—up from near zero before the Ukraine war. These discounted supplies have been a cornerstone in helping India stabilize fuel prices and support economic growth.
- Economic Imperative Over Ideology:** The data vividly demonstrates why India continues to engage in substantial trade with Russia—it's not just strategic; it's essential for energy security, fiscal health, and public welfare.
- Western Double Standards:** The strong trade data, especially the EU comparison, underpins India's position that Western nations still import critical commodities like gas, fertilizers, and rare minerals from Russia.
- Geopolitical Balancing:** India's deepening engagement with Russia could reflect a broader realignment of global economic power—especially as Indo-Russian ties intensify under stress from U.S. tariffs.

Ye Firak hai Yeh Visal hai

Mujhe justazu e ishq hai teri qurbaton ka sawal hai

Main hu ishq se na aashna mere doston ka khayal hai,
Mere kalam hai gawah is par meri shayari bhi daleel hai
Meri sans hai jo chal rahi teri chahton ka kamal hai ,
Meri nigah se tu door hai dil o jaan se par tu kareeb hai
Yeh firak hai na visal hai teri shafkaton ka ye haal hai,
Tujhe zindagi mein kya mila sirf ishq hi to nahi zindagi
Tu na khouf kar is baat ka tere dushmano ki yeh chaal hai,
Wo na mil saka to kya hua kisi aur ka woh naseeb tha
Yeh ishq ki nhi haar dost teri mohabbaton ka jawal hai,
Meri manzil hai door bahut par meri justazu ko do-aam hai
Koi ranj hai na malal hai meri aashiqi bemisal hai.....



BY HIMANI JAMWAL

Vicky Kaushal: Poured my heart into every moment of 'Chhaava'

As his film "Chhaava" is all set to have its television premiere on Independence Day weekend, National Award-winner Vicky Kaushal spoke about the film and said that he poured his heart into every moment of the film.

Vicky shared, "It's an honour to bring the legacy of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj into every home. Chhaava has been a journey of courage and pride, and I poured my heart into every moment."

The actor said that for the first time ever, it will also be available in Marathi on select operators on television.

He added: "Making it even more special for Marathi-speaking audiences."

The film brings to life the extraordinary journey of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the fearless son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, whose legacy shaped the course of Indian history.

"Chhaava" is directed by Laxman Utekar and also features Rashmika Mandanna as Maharani Yesubai, Akshaye Khanna as Aurangzeb, Divya Dutta as Maharani Soyarabai, Vineet Kumar Singh as Kavi Kalash, and Ashutosh Rana as Hambirrao Mohite

Rashmika shared, "Playing Maharani Yesubai in 'Chhaava' was an honour for me. She was a woman of immense strength, grace, and resilience, a true pillar beside Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. Bringing her story to the screen, especially in such a monumental historical drama, has been truly special."

For Divya Dutta, femininity is the power to choose one's own path



National Award-winning actress Divya Dutta said that for her, femininity means having the freedom and equality to make one's own life choices without dependence on others.

Asked how her personal definitions of femininity evolved over the years, Divya revealed that she has been fortunate to have grown up in a home where she was given that freedom.

"For me, I think, you know, I've been very fortunate that I

come from a house where my mother gave me more freedom than my brother. So, I didn't have that concept that, you know, it is that tough on the other side," Divya told IANS.

She added: "But when you grow up, you see life—that maybe this girl didn't have the choice of taking the profession she wanted to take."

So for Divya, femininity would be being able to make your own choices.

"Whatever they might be. You don't have to be dependent on someone to decide what course your life should take. For me, freedom is that. For me, equality is that: that you give a person a chance and an opportunity to live their life on their own terms and not be dependent on other things. So yeah, for me, it's that—it should be equal," Divya said.

The actress' latest is "Mayasabha: The Rise of the Titans," a political drama web series directed by Deva Katta and Kiran Jay Kumar.

It stars Aadhi Pinisetty and Chaitanya Rao in the lead roles, with Divya, Sai Kumar, Srikanth Iyengar and Nassar. Set in the volatile political landscape of 1990s Andhra Pradesh, the series dramatises the evolving relationship between two prominent political figures—Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy—portraying their journey from close friendship to political rivalry.

The show started streaming on Sony LIV from August 7.

Selena Gomez reveals how 'Wizards of Waverly Place' changed her life

Actress-singer Selena Gomez has shared how the TV sitcom Wizards of Waverly Place changed her life.

The 33-year-old actress auditioned for a series of TV shows, including the spin-off of Lizzie McGuire, before she joined the cast of Wizards of Waverly Place.

Selena said on the Therapuss with Jake Shane podcast: "It was actually a weird thing because I was on three pilots for the Disney channel. One was the spin-off of Lizzie McGuire. One was the spin-off

of the Suite Life of Zach and Cody and the last one was Wizards.

"So by then all of them didn't get picked up and I was just kind of at my wits end, but not in a bad way just kind of thought 'okay, well this is not going to work out' and Wizards got picked up and my whole life changed after that."

She still feels proud to be part of the "Disney high school experience", reports female-first.co.uk.

Gomez, who has also enjoyed huge success with her music,

said: "It was an immediate feeling of oh I achieved my dream at that point in time. I was such a huge fan of the channel. I was a huge fan of what they did for our generation, and it was an honour. I wear it proudly."

"I definitely am not ashamed of being part of the Disney high school experience ... It was all of us, all from the Jonas Brothers, to Miley (Cyrus) and Demi (Lovato), and then it was Zendaya. It was just so cool to see all the people you so 'went to school with' if you will. It's good to see them all do their thing."

"A Dream Unspoken"

Unspoken words, hidden deep within
A story of the heart, he knows nothing
Longing eyes that search for his glance
A silent prayer, that he might understand
A whisper sighed, a love untold
A dream disguised, fleeting moments,
Stolen glances shared
A heart that beats, with love unprepared
The subtle cues undefined
A fragile hope inside her resides
A delicate balance, of love and pride
A longing that persists, deep inside
passing day, the secret grows,
A tender blossom no one knows
In silence, it blooms, and slowly fades
A beauty unseen, a heart that's swayed
A fairytale she is living in silently
Where she dances with his shadows on the
rhythm of his heart beat
Lost in a world no one can see
His eyes told a story she wants to read
Between the lines, a truth she wants to
believe
In those eyes she wants to be lost forever,
Never wants to be found again
In that lost world, she'd find her peace
His voice, a sweet melody every word, a
sacred chant, she wants to recite
In his words, she'd find her forever smile
His smile, the sunrise of her darkest night
She is the moon, he is the sun
Without him, she can't shine
His presence a symphony, in her quiet world
He is unaware of the silent symphony play-
ing within her
She yearns for a sign, a word, a touch, any-
thing to bridge the chasm between the unspo-
ken desires,
A flicker of recognition in his eyes
But fear, a relentless shadow, holds her cap-
tive
So she remains silent, her love a hidden
treasure
buried deep within the chambers of her
heart
Perhaps she knows his path won't intersect
hers
She watches him from afar, content to be a
silent observer in his life
Her love a quiet serenade played only for her
own ears
She remains hidden in the shadows of her
secret tears
Sometimes, the unspoken questions hang
heavy in the air
A silent plea for recognition, she wants to
hear
But she knows some secrets are meant to
remain unspoken
This secret garden she cultivates in the quiet
corners of her heart is both a sanctuary and a
torment
A world he doesn't see, where his shadows
are her only company
Secretly she hopes, perhaps one day, fate
will intervene, and their paths will truly con-
verge
Until then, she'll cherish the stolen
moments, the fleeting glances, the silent lan-
guage of their souls
And in the quiet solitude of her dreams
She'll dance with him beneath the moon-
light,



World Breastfeeding Week: Normalising nursing in public and breaking social barriers for Indian mothers



BY PUJA AWASTHI

As World Breastfeeding Week comes to a close today, conversations around breastfeeding have expanded beyond health and nutrition. Increasingly, mothers are speaking up about the social barriers they face—not in breastfeeding itself, but in doing it publicly.

From awkward stares in malls to being asked to cover up in various other public places, breastfeeding in public remains a deeply uncomfortable experience for many Indian mothers. And yet, for infants, breastfeeding is often an urgent, non-negotiable need—irrespective of whether there's a private room around.

Latent support systems

For 29-year-old working mother Meher Khan, feeding her daughter at a bus stop in Delhi was the first time she realized how invisible support systems for breastfeeding mothers are. "I was drenched in sweat, trying to balance my crying baby and

my dupatta while being stared at by at least ten people. No one offered help or even looked away. It was humiliating," she recalls.

Across India, public infrastructure rarely accommodates breastfeeding needs. Feeding rooms in malls or airports are often tucked away, locked, or poorly maintained. Public transport, local markets, and places of worship offer little to no privacy. This lack of safe and hygienic spaces forces mothers into a painful choice—feed their baby and risk being shamed, or simply pack up a bottle of Formula Milk, "the easy way out."

Between 2016 and 2021, early breastfeeding rates declined in 17 states across India, as per the National Family Health Survey data.

Yet, some mothers are determined to reclaim the act of feeding their child in public as a basic right.

"Breastfeeding is not an act of indecency—it is an act of survival," says Sucharita G, a mother of twins and an

advocate for breastfeeding rights. "Would we ever ask someone to eat their lunch by covering up? Then why do we expect babies to be fed like that?" she asks.

Breastfeeding groups on Facebook and Instagram are gaining increasing popularity with mothers who share their stories and photos of breastfeeding in everyday spaces with hashtags like #normalizebreastfeeding and #freethenipple.

Still, not everyone feels empowered. For women in smaller towns and conservative households, the stigma runs deeper. Riya Jaiswal, a first-time mother from a semi-urban town in UP, says she avoids stepping out for more than two hours with her baby. "I have to plan outings around my baby's feeding schedule. I don't have the courage to do it in public—not because I think it's wrong, but because others do."

That fear is not unfounded. Many times, breastfeeding mothers have been

asked to do so in private, citing that "open breastfeeding is disturbing."

Health impacts on the baby

Health experts emphasize that shame and stigma can have far-reaching impacts. "Delayed or skipped feeding due to social pressure can affect an infant's nutrition and a mother's health," say lactation consultants.

Given that mothers already navigate so much exhaustion, postpartum changes and guilt, is it not cruel to shame them for feeding their babies? ask activists.

World Breastfeeding Week, celebrated annually from August 1–7, is themed this year around "Enabling breastfeeding: making a difference for working parents". But for many mothers, the real difference lies in being able to nurse their child freely without judgment—whether at work, home, or on the go.

Some fathers, too, are stepping in as allies. "My wife would panic whenever our son cried in public, because she knew she'd have to feed him. I started carrying a scarf and positioning myself to block stares. People still judged, but we were a team," says Rajiv M., a software engineer and new dad.

Slowly, things are changing. Startups are offering portable nursing covers, and some state governments have proposed "baby feeding pods" in public spaces.

While there is no specific law in India that criminalizes or prohibits breastfeeding in public, there also isn't a comprehensive statute that explicitly protects a woman's right to do so.

Breastfeeding: A fundamental right

However, under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution,

which guarantees the right to life and personal liberty, courts have interpreted this to include the right of a mother to breastfeed her child with dignity.

In 2021, the Kerala High Court made headlines when it ruled that breastfeeding is a "fundamental right" and must be protected from public scrutiny or obscenity charges. The court also held that the act of breastfeeding cannot be considered obscene under Section 294 of the Indian Penal Code, which deals with public obscenity.

THE WEEK spoke to Dr Arun Gupta, who founded the Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) in 1991. Over nearly 32 years, BPNI has played a key role in strengthening national policies to promote, protect and support breastfeeding. "Out of approximately 22 million babies born in India each year, less than 10 million are breastfed within the first critical hour of life. That leaves over 12 million missing out on the immediate benefits of breastfeeding, which is proven to reduce the risk of infections, obesity, and non-communicable diseases later in life." He further adds how hospitals are not helping promote breastfeeding either. "A former representative of a major formula company says distributors are offered a volume bonus and doctors and nursing staff cash incentives for recommending infant formula. Evidence indicates that if the health system is weak on breastfeeding counselling, and health workers lack skills to support breastfeeding, it leads to replacement by formula even when the mother wasn't initially keen. Heavily discounted prices on formula make it easier."

Does exercise before bedtime affect sleep?

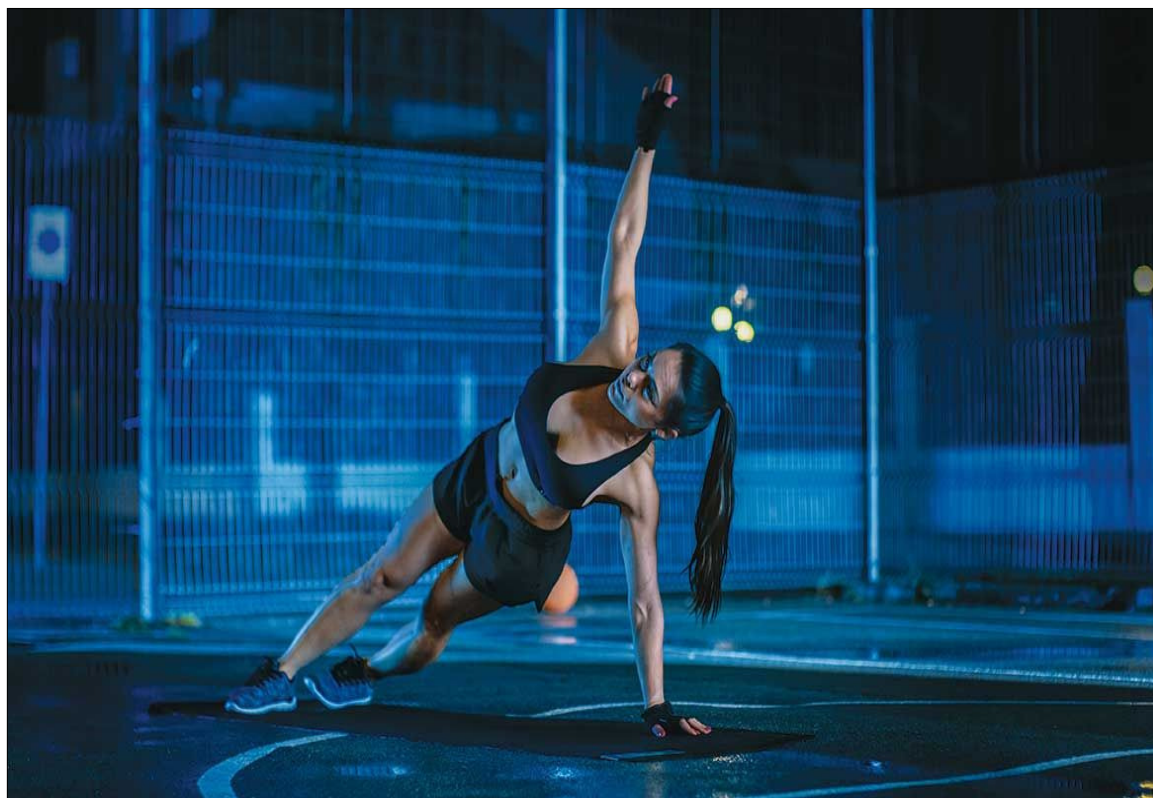
Exercising within four hours of bedtime may affect sleep duration, timing and quality, new research published in Nature Communications suggests.

The study analysed data from an international sample of 14,689 individuals who wore a multi-sensor biometric device (WHOOP Strap) to track exercise, sleep and cardiovascular metrics. Participants were monitored over the course of a year, generating more than four million nights of data. Engaging in strenuous workouts, including high-intensity interval training, football, rugby, or long-distance running, within four hours of bedtime was linked to delayed sleep onset, shorter sleep

duration, poorer sleep quality, higher resting heart rate during the night, and lower heart rate variability.

Intense exercise raises breathing rate, core body temperature and heart rate, potentially keeping the body in a heightened state of alertness that interferes with sleep. To improve sleep, researchers recommend finishing exercise at least four hours before going to bed.

"If exercising within a four-hour window of bedtime, people could choose brief low-intensity exercises, such as a light jog or swim, to minimise sleep disruption and allow the body to wind down."



GDC Akhnoor Organizes Drug Awareness Campaign at Govt. Higher Secondary School Sohal



AKHNOOR

Under the able guidance of Principal, Dr. Romilla Malla Bhat, Government Degree College (GDC) Akhnoor organized a Drug Awareness Campaign as part of its Outreach Programme at Government Higher Secondary School, Sohal Akhnoor on 4th August 2025.

A large number of students from the college enthusiastically participated in the campaign and delivered impactful awareness messages to sensitize the school students about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

Drug abuse is a serious problem that affects millions of people around the world. During

the campaign, the college students encouraged the youth to say no to alcohol, tobacco, and narcotic drugs, which not only harm the body and mind but also ruin families, careers, and communities. The purpose of the campaign was to make young individuals aware of these long-term consequences and empower them to make informed and healthy choices.

As a significant highlight of the event, all participating students and attendees took a solemn pledge to make Akhnoor a drug-free zone, committing themselves to spreading awareness and standing united against the menace of drugs.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Shandilya Parminder

Kour, Nodal Officer Outreach Programme, along with Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, NSS Programme Officer, and Prof. Vijay Rukhwal, NCC Incharge (Boys). Their joint efforts ensured the smooth and impactful execution of the programme.

The Principal of Govt. Higher Secondary School Sohal, Smt. Sushma Thakur, appreciated the initiative taken by GDC Akhnoor and thanked the college faculty and students for promoting such a vital and socially relevant message.

This campaign reflects GDC Akhnoor's unwavering commitment to social responsibility, youth empowerment, and building a safer, drug-free society.

FPIs withdraw close to Rs 18,000 cr from equities in Aug on trade tension, disappointing earnings

NEW DELHI

Foreign investors have pulled out nearly Rs 18,000 crore from Indian equities so far this month, weighed down by escalating US-India trade tensions, disappointing first-quarter corporate earnings, and a weakening Indian rupee.

With this, the total outflow by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in equities has reached Rs 1.13 lakh crore so far in 2025, according to data from the depositories.

Going forward, FPI sentiment is expected to remain "fragile and in risk-off mode," with tariffs and trade negotiations emerging as key factors to watch out for in the coming week, according to Vaqarjaved Khan, CFA, Senior Fundamental Analyst at Angel One.

The data showed that FPIs withdrew a net sum of Rs 17,924 crore from equities in this month (till August 8). Foreign investors had pulled out Rs 17,741 crore on a net basis in July. Before that, FPIs invested Rs

38,673 crore in the preceding three months from March to June.

The latest outflows were primarily due to escalating US-India trade tensions, disappointing first-quarter corporate earnings and a weakening Indian rupee, Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director – Manager Research, Morningstar Investment Research India, said.

From August 1, the US imposed a 25 per cent tariff on Indian goods and increased these tariffs by an additional 25 per cent during the current week. This spooked the markets and FPIs, leading to a massive sell-off in Indian equities, Angel One's Khan said.

Along with tariffs, rising US Treasury yields also led to foreign money moving towards treasuries, he added.

On the other hand, FPIs invested Rs 3,432 crore in the debt general limit and put in Rs 58 crore in the debt voluntary retention route during the period under review.

RBI moots standardised forms for claim settlement related to banks' deceased customers

MUMBAI

The RBI plans to standardise forms to process claims on deceased customers' bank accounts and lockers within a 15-day timeframe and provide compensation to nominees for any settlement delays.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposes to come out with standard procedures for the settlement of claims in respect of bank accounts, and articles kept in safe custody or safe deposit lockers of deceased bank customers. The aim is to make the settlement more convenient and simpler.

Towards this, the central bank has issued 'Draft Circular – Reserve Bank of India (Settlement of Claims in respect of Deceased Customers of Banks) Directions, 2025' and invited comments and feedback on it by August 27.

"A bank shall use the standardised forms for receiving the claims and other documents...", said the draft.

It also has provisions for compensation for delay in the settlement of claims.

In case a nominee has been provided in deposit accounts or lockers, he or she

would have to submit a claim form, death certificate (deceased customer), and an officially valid document of the nominee/survivor towards verifying identity and address, the draft said.

According to the draft, a bank should adopt a simplified procedure for settlement of claims in deposit accounts, where a deceased depositor had not made any nomination, keeping in view the imperative need to avoid inconvenience and undue hardship to the claimant/ legal heir.

For the settlement of such claims, a bank, based on its risk management systems, should fix a threshold limit, subject to a minimum of Rs 15 lakh.

In cases of claim amount up to the threshold limit, additional documents like a bond of indemnity/surety signed by the claimants and a letter of disclaimer/ no objection from non-claimant legal heirs, if applicable, will be required.

For a claim amount above the threshold limit, a succession certificate, or a legal heir certificate issued by a competent authority, or a declaration regarding the legal heirs of the deceased depositor would also be needed.

One-Day Workshop on "Effect of Artificial Intelligence on Future" Held at RM Public School, Jammu



JAMMU

A thought-provoking one-day workshop on the "Effect of Artificial Intelligence on Future" was organized today at RM Public School, Jammu, under the banner of G.S Sports Club. The event brought together a distinguished panel of experts from various domains to deliberate on the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping the future.

The workshop was graced by Sh. Sonu Pargal (JKAS), Deputy

Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement (Central), Jammu, as the Chief Guest, who appreciated the initiative and highlighted the significance of such platforms in spreading awareness about technological transformations in governance, education, and industry.

Dr. Bharat Mahajan, Lecturer, GDC Paloura, Jammu, who elaborated on the academic perspective and how AI is influencing the field of higher education and research. He gave a complete overview regarding AI

and its effect on future through his presentation.

Rahul Pandit, IT Consultant, who shared in-depth insights on real-world applications of AI in corporate and industrial ecosystems. Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, Head, Department of Botany, Cluster University of Jammu, who discussed the interdisciplinary relevance of AI in biological sciences and environmental monitoring.

Atul Sudan, President, G.S Sports Club, emphasized the importance of technology in youth development and the club's commitment to promoting knowledge-driven initiatives.

Director RMPS Mr. Rakshan Mengi and Chairman Mr. Rameshwar Mengi also marked their esteemed presence and appreciated the efforts of GS Sports Club in fostering an environment of progressive learning. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, educators, and professionals who engaged in interactive sessions and discussions with the experts.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a commitment to organizing more such awareness and knowledge-sharing programs in the future.

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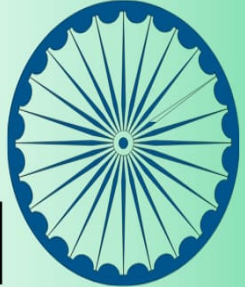
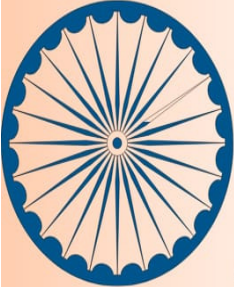
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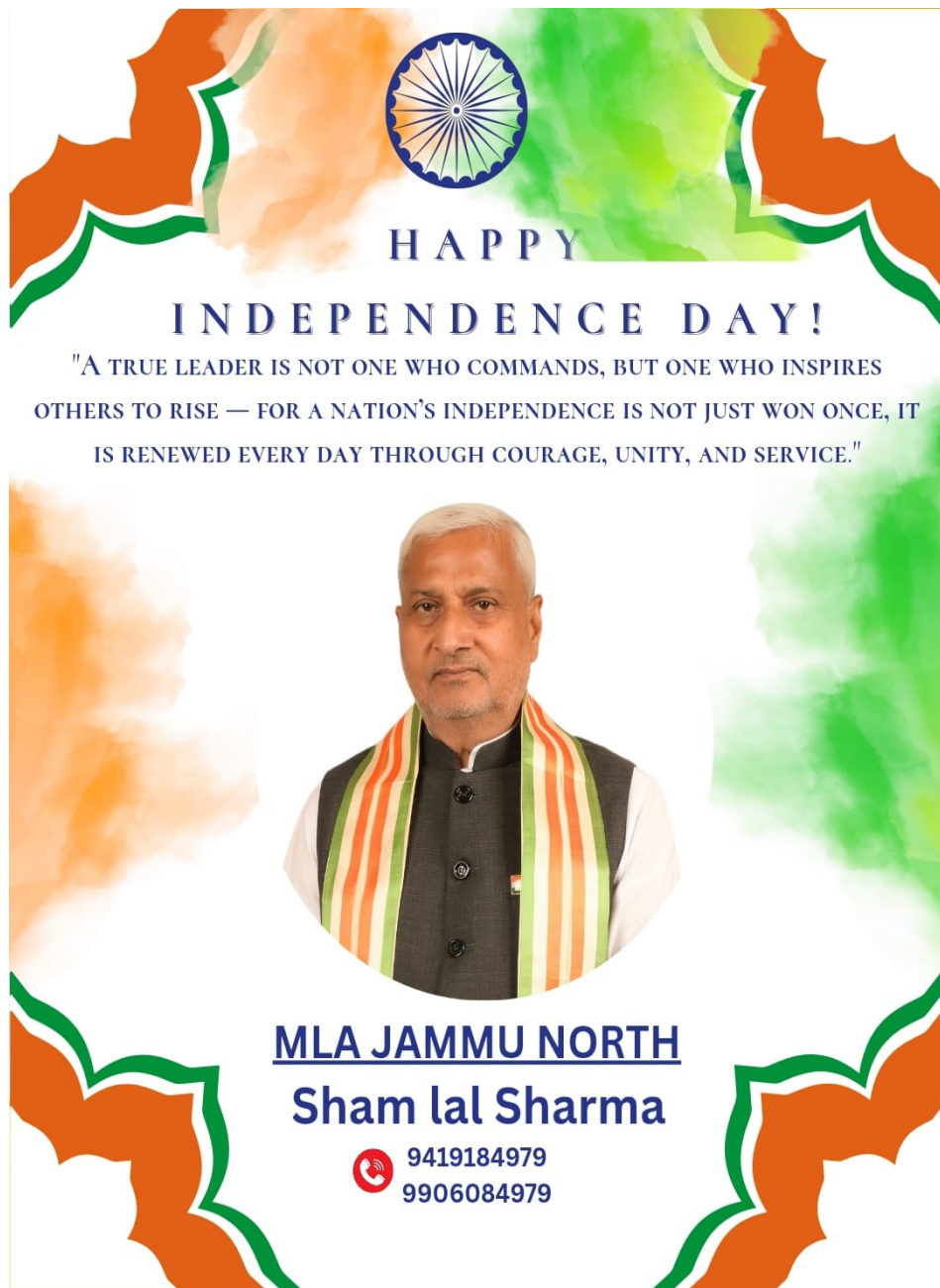
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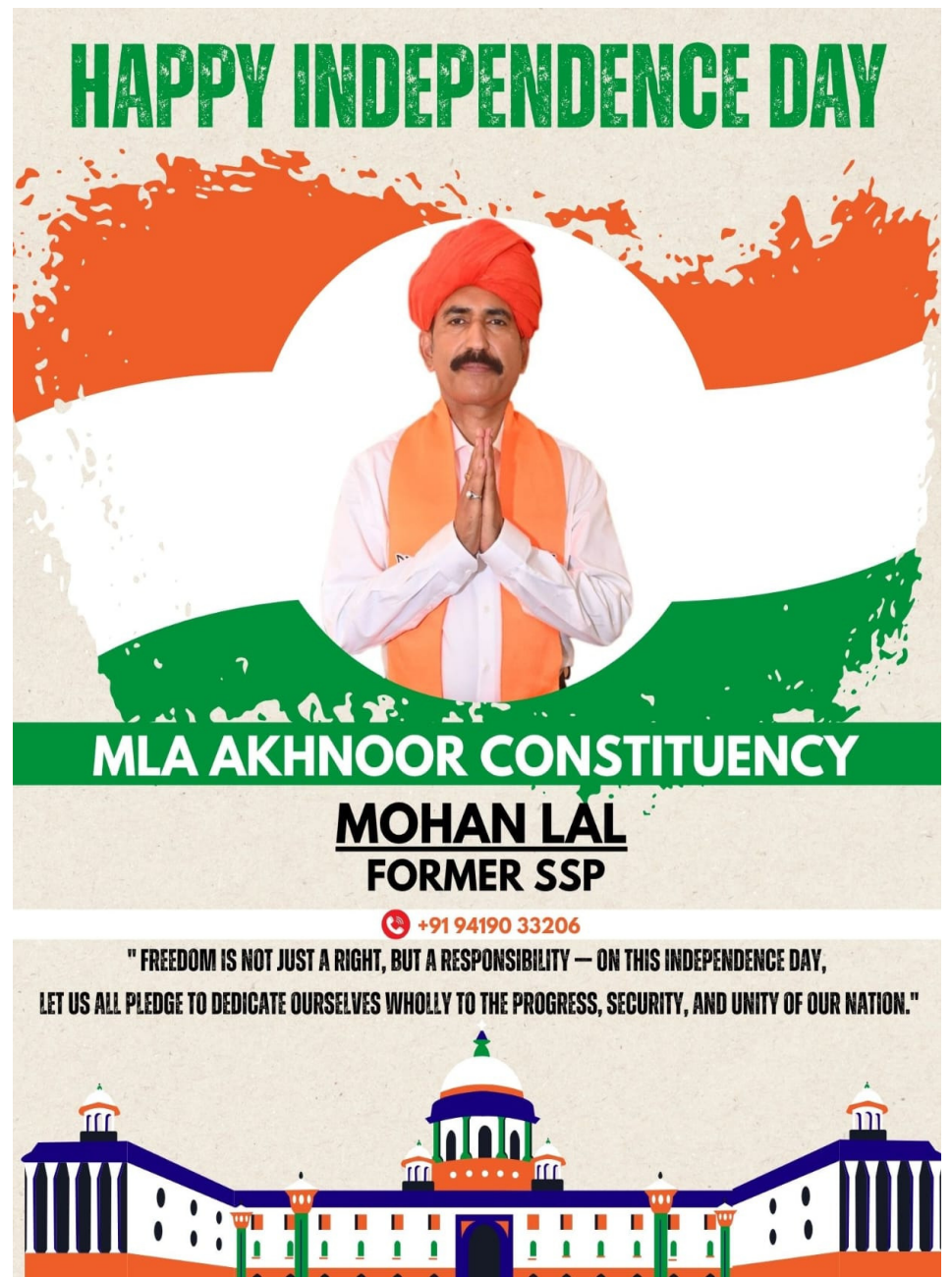


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